

ACT SIX FACT SHEET



Mission

Act Six is a leadership and scholarship program that connects community ministries with faith- and social justice-based colleges to equip emerging urban and community leaders to engage the college campus and their communities at home.

Program Summary

As a leadership development and college access and retention initiative, Act Six accomplishes this mission through the following model:

- (1) **Recruit and Select:** Locally recruit and select diverse, multicultural cadres of a region's most promising emerging urban and community student leaders.
- (2) **Train and Prepare:** Intensively train these groups of students in the year prior to college, equipping them to support each other, succeed academically and grow as service-minded leaders and agents of transformation.
- (3) **Send and Fund:** Send the teams together to select faith- and social justice-based colleges on full-tuition, full-need scholarships.
- (4) **Support and Inspire:** Provide strong campus support, ongoing leadership development and vocational connections to inspire scholars to serve their home communities.

Local Community Affiliates

- **Tacoma-Seattle:** Northwest Leadership Foundation
- **Portland:** Portland Leadership Foundation
- **Spokane:** YMCA of the Inland Northwest
- **Yakima Valley:** Yakima Leadership Foundation
- **Minneapolis-St. Paul:** Urban Ventures
- **Chicago:** Pursue Scholars
- **Indianapolis:** Shepherd Community Center

Partner Colleges and Universities

- Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)
- George Fox University (Newberg, OR)
- Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA)
- Northwest University (Kirkland, WA)
- Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA)
- Trinity Lutheran College (Everett, WA)
- Warner Pacific College (Portland, OR)
- Heritage University (Toppenish, WA)
- Augsburg College (Minneapolis, MN)
- Bethel University (St. Paul, MN)
- North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)
- University of Northwestern—St. Paul (St. Paul, MN)
- Taylor University (Upland, IN)

Scholar Demographics

Since 2002, Act Six has trained 653 scholars in 76 cadres with the following characteristics:

- 38% Hispanic
- 22% African American
- 14% White
- 13% multiracial
- 9% Asian
- 3% Pacific Islander
- 1% American Indian
- represent 6 continents of the world
- speak 32 languages
- 60% female
- 74% first generation college students
- 79% from low-income families
- 90% first generation or low-income

Outcomes

- 84% of the scholars who started college have graduated or are still enrolled
- two-thirds of graduates are working or serving in their home communities
- nearly a quarter of graduates are pursuing or have earned graduate degrees
- scholars have been awarded more than \$56 million in scholarships and grants
- scholars are assuming significant leadership roles on campus, including numerous club presidents and seven student government presidents
- graduates are connecting and leading in significant ways across their home communities

Distribution of Alumni Degree Fields

- Social Sciences (14%)
- Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services (13%)
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences (8%)
- Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs (7%)
- Physical Sciences (5%)
- Public Administration and Social Service Professions (5%)
- Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences (5%)
- Health Professions and Related Programs (5%)
- Mathematics and Statistics (5%)
- Psychology (5%)
- Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies (3%)
- Education (3%)
- Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics (3%)
- History (3%)
- Engineering (3%)
- Philosophy and Religious Studies (3%)
- English Language and Literature/Letters (2%)
- Visual and Performing Arts (2%)
- Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services (2%)
- Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies (2%)
- Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services (1%)
- Theology and Religious Vocations (1%)
- Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities (1%)

Examples of Government, Business, Corporate and Internship Partners

- 7-Eleven, Inc.
- Group Health
- REI
- MultiCare Health System
- Multnomah County
- Kaiser Permanente
- Oregon Department of Human Services