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ACT SIX CELEBRATES 59 NEW WASHINGTON AND OREGON ALUMNI

Tacoma, Wash. – August 30, 2017 – This summer, 59 [Act Six](#) scholars from underrepresented communities throughout Washington and Oregon graduated from college, joining the ranks of nearly 300 alumni of the program. These scholars, hailing from Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, and Yakima Valley, graduated from George Fox University, Gonzaga University, Heritage University, Northwest University, Pacific Lutheran University, Warner Pacific College, and Whitworth University. These alumni graduated together with records of distinguished leadership, service, and academic achievement.

The 59 newest Act Six alumni are listed below, along with their majors and high schools.

George Fox University

Sierra Brambila, *B.A. Politics* (Franklin High School)

Fatima Chacon, *B.A. Politics & Communication Arts* (Woodburn Academy Art Science Tech)

Janet Dan, *B.S. Nursing* (Parkrose High School)

Eduardo Fuentes Sotelo, *B.S. Nursing* (Tigard Senior High School)

Oscar Gomez, *B.S. Engineering* (Newberg Senior High School)

Irma Gomez Cach, *B.A. Social Work* (Sherwood High School)

Fabian Jimenez Arenas, *B.S. Engineering* (Sunset High School)

Miguel Lopez Ixta, *B.A. Marketing* (Woodburn Academy Art Science Tech)

Yasharet Lopez Valencia, *B.S.W. Social Work* (Centennial High School)

Markayla Shattuck, *B.S. Psychology* (David Douglas High School)

Jack Tan, *B.A. Accounting* (Centennial High School)

Nancy Vazquez, *B.S. Nursing* (Forest Grove High School)

Gonzaga University

Sandy Barakat, *B.S. Biology & Psychology* (Central Valley High School)

Caleb Dawson, *B.A. Sociology & Economics* (Federal Way Senior High School)

Kenji Linane Boeoy, *B.A. History* (Shadle Park High School)

Heritage University

Isabel Cueva, *B.S. Biomedical Science* (Toppenish High School)

Felisa Gonzalez, *B.A. Psychology* (La Salle High School)

Alexandra Hays, *B.A. Elementary Education* (Sunnyside Senior High School)

Jasper Luna, *B.A. Applied Computer Science*

Elizabeth Lara Velázquez, *B.A. Criminal Justice* (Dwight D Eisenhower High School)

Atzimba Martinez, *B.A. Mathematics* (A C Davis Senior High School)

Irene Paz, *B.S. Biomedical Science* (West Valley High School)

Natalie Solis, *B.A. Psychology* (Compass High School)
Juan Valencia, *B.A. Criminal Justice* (Prosser Senior High School)

Northwest University

Viliana Apollon, *B.A. Mathematics* (Kent-Meridian High School)
Jessica Bastrom, *B.A. Secondary Education Social Studies & History* (Washington High School)
Lyubov Bernik, *B.A. Psychology & Intercultural Studies* (Kentlake High School)
Manny Gounder, *B.A. Business Administration* (Foster High School)
Lara Linden, *B.A. Business Administration* (Fife High School)
Micayla Smith, *B.A. Political Science* (Mount Tahoma High School)

Pacific Lutheran University

Jessica Crask, *B.A. Social Work* (Henry Foss High School)
Brady Daly, *B.S. Kinesiology* (Clover Park High School)
Bryan Gutierrez, *B.S. Chemistry* (Tacoma Science Math Institute)
Kelly Gutierrez, *B.S. Nursing* (Stadium High School)
Shelondra Harris, *B.A. Communications* (Henry Foss High School)
Quoc Bao Huynh, *B.S. Chemistry* (Woodrow Wilson High School)
Angelica Maria Martinez Estrada, *B.A. Hispanic Studies* (Mount Tahoma High School)
Angelo Mejia, *B.F.A. Studio Arts* (Clover Park High School)
Matthew Orcilla, *B.A. Business Administration* (Newport High School)
Joseph Perez, *B.S. Biology* (Bellarmine Preparatory School)
Emilee Sanchez, *B.S. Nursing* (Washington High School)
Samrawit Zeinu, *B.S. Nursing* (Chief Sealth International High School)

Warner Pacific College

Kiandra Alexander, *B.S. Human Development* (Jefferson High School)
Hakeem Bradley, *B.S. Business Administration* (Beaverton High School)
Angel Castaneda, *B.S. Business Administration* (Forest Grove High School)
Mariah Cooper, *B.S. Social Work* (David Douglas High School)
Michael Ely, *B.S. Human Development* (Benson Polytech High School)
Maranda Henderson, *B.S. Human Development* (Tigard Senior High School)
Cathy Lara, *B.S. Social Entrepreneurship* (Tigard Senior High School)
Oksana Maksimov, *B.S. Human Development* (Woodburn Arts & Comm Academy)
Paige Moreland, *B.S. Social Science* (Grant High School)
Marisol Negrete Flores, *B.S. Psychology* (Rex Putnam High School)
Lyndsey Peyton, *B.S. Social Entrepreneurship* (Metro East Web Academy)
Jordan Shellmire, *B.S. Developmental Psychology* (Grant High School)

Whitworth University

Kionte Brown, *B.A. Computer Science* (Shadle Park High School)

Ryan Cole, *B.A. Psychology* (Henry Foss High School)

Camina Hirota, *B.A. Psychology & Spanish Language and Literature* (Shadle Park High School)

Eddy Martinez, *B.A. Accounting* (Federal Way Senior High School)

Marisela Revuelta Cervantes, *B.A. Marketing & Accounting* (Riverside High School)

About Act Six

Act Six seeks to develop urban leaders to be agents of transformation on campus and in their home communities. Since the program's inception, more than 600 ethnically diverse and mostly first-generation, low-income Act Six scholarship recipients from Tacoma, Seattle, Yakima and Spokane, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Minneapolis-St Paul, Minn.; Chicago, Ill.; and Indianapolis, Ind. have enrolled at twelve private colleges and universities.

Act Six develops leaders through a simple, but powerful, four-step strategy:

1. **Recruit and select** diverse, multicultural cadres of the most promising urban and community student leaders.
2. **Train and prepare** 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** the teams together to select faith- and social justice-based colleges across Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, Illinois, and Indiana on full-tuition, full-need scholarships.
4. **Support and inspire** by providing strong campus support, ongoing leadership development and vocational connections to inspire scholars to serve their home communities.

Act Six alumni continue their leadership once they step foot into their communities. 80 percent of Act Six scholars earn their bachelor's degrees within six years, more than double the rate for low-income, first-generation students nationwide. Nearly two-thirds of the program's graduates are working or serving back in their home communities. Among alumni who have been out of college for three or more years, 31% have earned a post-graduate degree or credential.

Learn more about Act Six online at www.actsix.org.

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