

# ACT SIX FACT SHEET



## MISSION

Act Six is a leadership development and college scholarship program that brings together diverse, multicultural cadres of emerging urban leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home.

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

- 1. Recruit and select** diverse, multicultural cadres of a region's most promising emerging urban and community student leaders.
- 2. Train and prepare** 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** students together to select faith- and social justice-based colleges on full-tuition, full-need scholarships.
- 4. Support and inspire** students to graduate from college and serve their home communities through campus supports, ongoing leadership development and vocational connections.

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## LOCAL COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

### Northwest

**Portland:** Portland Leadership Foundation  
**Spokane:** YMCA of the Inland Northwest  
**Tacoma-Seattle:** Degrees of Change  
**Yakima Valley:** Yakima Leadership Foundation

### Midwest

**Chicago:** Pursue Scholars  
**Indianapolis:** Shepherd Community Center  
**Minneapolis-St. Paul:** Urban Ventures

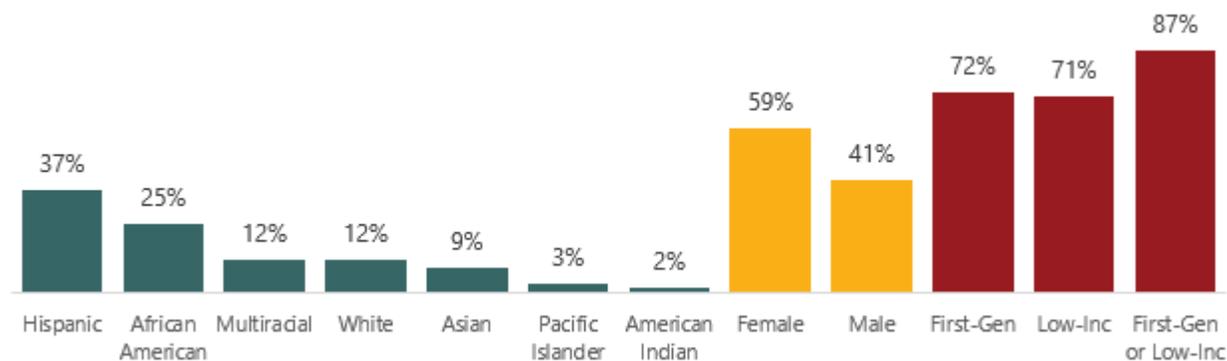
## PARTNER COLLEGES

**George Fox University** (Newberg, OR)  
**Gonzaga University** (Spokane, WA)  
**Heritage University** (Toppenish, WA)  
**Northwest University** (Kirkland, WA)  
**Pacific Lutheran University** (Tacoma, WA)  
**Warner Pacific College** (Portland, OR)  
**Whitworth University** (Spokane, WA)

**Augsburg University** (Minneapolis, MN)  
**Bethany Lutheran College** (Mankato, MN)  
**Bethel University** (St. Paul, MN)  
**North Central University** (Minneapolis, MN)  
**University of Northwestern–St. Paul** (MN)  
**Taylor University** (Upland, IN)

## SCHOLAR PROFILE

Since 2002, Act Six has trained **712 scholars** in **105 cadres** with the following characteristics:



## COLLEGE OUTCOMES

Scholars are assuming **significant leadership roles on campus**, including numerous club presidents, **12 student government presidents** and **1 board trustee**.

**84%** have graduated or are still enrolled

**287** have graduated and **303** are enrolled in 2017-18

**68%** graduate within four years

on average **+21%** higher than four-year grad rates for all students at partner colleges

**80%** graduate within six years

nearly **2x** the six-year grad rate for low-income students nationwide

on average **+12%** higher than six-year grad rates for all students at partner colleges

## ALUMNI OUTCOMES

Alumni are returning home to lead and serve in impactful ways, including **dozens** of AmeriCorps and Peace Corps volunteers, **5 medical students**, **3 doctoral** degrees and **2 Fulbright scholars**.

**65%** return to their home communities

**31%** earn postgraduate degrees

**72%** work for non-profits or public sector

**30%** serve in leadership roles outside of employment

**75%** volunteer in their communities