**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:

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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