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104 STUDENT LEADERS EARN ACT SIX LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS TO SEVEN NORTHWEST AND SIX MIDWEST COLLEGES

Families, schools, and communities are celebrating across the country. Act Six announced today that 104 emerging urban and community leaders across Tacoma-Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Yakima Valley, Chicago, Indianapolis and Minneapolis-St. Paul, will receive scholarships to George Fox University, Gonzaga University, Heritage University, Northwest University, Pacific Lutheran University, Warner Pacific University, Whitworth University, Augsburg University, Bethany Lutheran College, Bethel University, North Central University, Taylor University, and University of Northwestern-St. Paul. Colleges will provide full-tuition, full-need scholarships over four years.

Selected through a rigorous three-month competition among more than 1,000 applicants, these diverse student leaders were selected for their commitment to serving on campus and at home, passion for learning, eagerness to foster intercultural relationships, and willingness to step out of their comfort zones.

The media and public are invited to attend the following community celebrations to recognize the newest Act Six scholars:

- **Portland** – Monday, Mar. 12, at 6 p.m. at David Douglas High School
- **Indianapolis** - Monday, Mar. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd Community Center
- **Tacoma-Seattle** – Tuesday, Mar. 13, at 6 p.m. at Urban Grace Church
- **Minneapolis-St. Paul** – Tuesday, Mar. 13, at 6 p.m. at Urban Ventures
- **Yakima Valley** – Tuesday, Mar. 13, at 7 p.m. at Hope for the Nations Foursquare Church
- **Spokane** – Wednesday, Mar. 14, at 6 p.m. at Gonzaga Preparatory
- **Chicago** – Wednesday, Mar. 7, at 7 p.m. at Lawndale Christian Health Center (Skyline Room)

Following is a list of this year's Act Six recipients:

George Fox University (Cadre Twelve)

Dayana Caamal Perez, *Madison High School*

Karla Chan Mendez, *David Douglas High School*

Dasha Harris, *Tigard Senior High School*

Jarius Jackson, *Tualatin High School*

Lisette Rodriguez, *Summit Learning Center-Early College High School*

Vlad Salas Moreno, *Tigard Senior High School*

Gonzaga University (Cadre Ten)

Stephanie Assonken, *Cheney High School*

Mary Benjamin, *Shadle Park High School*

Tara Phung, *Lewis and Clark High School*

Richard Boulay, *Mount Tahoma High School*

Asha Douglas, *Bellarmino Prep*

Pedro Martinez, *Auburn Mountainview High School*
Samridhi Singh, *Henry Foss High School*

Heritage University (Cadre Eight)

Kale Cobar, *La Salle High School*
Estephany Gonzalez, *Sunnyside Senior High School*
Brenda Guadarrama, *Granger High School*
Tyler Olney, *White Swan High School*
Mayra Quintero, *Wapato Senior High School*
Rosario Ruiz Gonzalez, *A C Davis Senior High School*
Oscar Suarez, *White Swan High School*

Northwest University (Cadre Ten)

Jonah Faitala, *Steilacoom Senior High School*
Joseph Gomez De La Mora, *Lincoln High School*
Sara Jemere, *Foster High School*
Grace Jeong, *Lakes High School*
Gaby Morales, *Franklin Pierce High School*
Niharika Phambota, *Kentwood Senior High School*
Sophia Taylor, *Oliver M Hazen High School*

Pacific Lutheran University (Cadre Eleven)

Rahel Ambachew, *Mount Rainier High School*
Ingri Bernal Salgado, *Mount Tahoma High School*
Kayla Hoy, *Lincoln High School*
Andrè Jones II, *Foster High School*
Mei Mei Loya Terrance, *Stadium High School*
Marcus Martin, *Auburn High School*
Ty Shanklin, *Highline High School*

Warner Pacific University (Cadre Nine)

Makoura Dolley, *David Douglas High School*
Nancy Garcia, *David Douglas High School*
Saman Haaji, *David Douglas High School*
Elsy Herrera, *De La Salle North Catholic High School*
Yvan Kate, *Roosevelt High School*
Bi La, *Reynolds High School*

Whitworth University (Cadre Sixteen)

Malachi Areta, *Joel E Ferris High School*
Josh Nguyen, *Shadle Park High School*
NhatMinh Nguyen, *John R Rogers High School*
Willow Zimmerman, *Community School*
Chris Clay, *Franklin Pierce High School*
Alaethia Esparza, *Bellevue Senior High School*
Daniel Rodriguez, *Federal Way Senior High School*
Kendy Urzua Valadez, *Lincoln High School*

Augsburg University (Cadre Four)

Nou-Chee Chang, *Brooklyn Center High School*
Agatha Dennis, *Brooklyn Center High School*
Ruti Mejia, *Park High School*
Abdi Mire, *Roseville Area High School*
Meek Stalling, *Southwest High School*
Reuben Stately, *Breck School*
Angel Velazquez Olmedo, *Roosevelt High School*

Bethany Lutheran College (Cadre One)

Kenzie Flood, *Park Center IB World High School*
Talo Heh, *John A Johnson High School*
David Lee, *Park Center IB World High School*
Anna Martinez, *John F Kennedy Sr High School*
Kimberly Moua, *Tartan Senior High School*
Kye Paw, *Washington Technology Magnet*
Arabia Sims-Osgood, *Hennepin Gateway to College*
Nancy Vang, *Brooklyn Center High School*
Jonny Xiong, *Hmong College Prep Academy*

Bethel University (Cadre Four)

Grace Bianchi, *Roseville Area High School*
Lizzy Carson, *Eagle Ridge Academy*
Isaiah Hobus, *Maranatha Christian Academy*
Hyojung Hong, *Wayzata High School*
Sam Nguyen, *Saint Thomas Academy*
Andrew Osagiede, *Brooklyn Center High School*
Tu Lor Paw, *Como Park Senior High School*
Elijah Rollerson, *Concordia Academy*
Joeby Thao, *North High School*
Ratsamee Thosaengsiri, *Harding High School*

North Central University (Cadre Three)

Isaac Colon, *Eagan High School*
Celena Eamiguel, *Roseville Area High School*
Tian Elder, *Hope Academy*
Kevin Escandon-Tellez, *Washburn Senior High School*
Evelyn Guzman Jimenez, *John F Kennedy Sr High School*
Nkau Xiong, *Washburn Senior High School*
Ricky Yang, *John A Johnson High School*

Taylor University (Cadre Three)

Elissa Borges, *Northside College Prep High School*
Ty Jenkins, *Saint Rita Of Cascia High School*
Brandon Neal, *Chicago Hope Academy*
Nate Ortega, *Phoenix Military Academy*
Meredith Polizzi, *Home School*
Free Raines, *Thomas Kelly High School*

Tia Watkins, *Hansberry College Prep*
Dattrick Woody, *Lindblom Math And Science Academy*
Nay Chele, *Perry Meridian High School*
Sarah Mangan, *Greenwood Christian Academy*
Jorge Martinez De Santiago, *Irvington Preparatory Academy*
Evan Melloh, *Horizon Christian School*
Lexi Odgers, *Greenwood Christian Academy*
Dame Wilburn, *Arsenal Technical High School*
Alisha Withers, *Horizon Christian School*

University of Northwestern-St. Paul (Cadre Four)

Dana Bureac, *Thomas Jefferson Senior High School*
Alicia Castro, *Maple Grove Senior High School*
Re Wahlay Daw, *Como Park Senior High School*
Kenneth Granados, *Hope Academy*
Jia Lewis, *Edison Senior High School*
Stephanie Oliva, *South St Paul High School*
Lawrence Reed II, *Maranatha Christian Academy*

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 700 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, Il.; and Indianapolis, Ind. have enrolled at thirteen 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 cadres together to select 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. Eighty 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.

Following next week's celebrations, scholars begin an intensive six-month training program that involves weekly meetings with Act Six staff, retreats and campus visits.

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

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