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ACT SIX CELEBRATES 80 NEW WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND MINNESOTA
GRADUATES

Tacoma, Wash. – September 17, 2018 –This past school year, 80 [Act Six](#) scholars from underrepresented communities throughout Washington, Oregon, and Minnesota graduated from college, joining the ranks of nearly 400 alumni of the program. These scholars, hailing from Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Minneapolis–St. Paul and Yakima Valley, graduated from George Fox University, Gonzaga University, Heritage University, Northwest University, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Northwestern – St. Paul, Warner Pacific College, and Whitworth University. These alumni graduated together with records of distinguished leadership, service, and academic achievement.

The 80 newest Act Six alumni are listed below, along with their majors and high schools.

George Fox University

Daisy Santana Santana, *B.A. Psychology* (Tualatin High School)
Adela Boanca, *B.A. International Studies* (Centennial High School)
Cheryl Cha, *B.A. Psychology* (Benson Polytech High School)
Melissa Escalona, *B.S. Nursing* (Academy of International Studies Woodburn)
Nehemiah Heye, *B.S. Psychology* (Westside Christian High School)
Dalia Lopez, *B.S. Elementary Education* (Woodburn Academy Art Science Tech)
Betelehem Molla, *B.S. Engineering* (Madison High School)
Kiana Neisig, *B.A. Sociology* (David Douglas High School)
Amanda Nine, *B.S. Elementary Education* (Franklin High School)
Katherine Pen, *B.S. Elementary Education* (Milwaukie High School)
Sergio Ramirez Salazar, *B.S. Information Systems* (Woodburn Academy Art Science Tech)
Joe Santos, *B.S. Engineering* (Wellness Business & Sports School)
Ekaterina Seledkov, *B.A. Business Administration* (Woodburn Academy Art Science Tech)

Gonzaga University

Austin Johnson, *B.A. Criminal Justice & Sociology* (North Central High School)
Douglas Kempthorne, *B.A. Biology* (Gonzaga Preparatory School)
Jordan Cotton, *B.A. Sociology* (Thomas Jefferson High School)
Marina Rojas, *B.A. Sociology* (Thomas Jefferson High School)
Trang Tran, *B.A. Sociology* (Lincoln High School)
Jaden Zwick, *B.A. Sociology & Spanish* (Thomas Jefferson High School)

Heritage University

Estefania Jimenez, *B.S. Nursing* (A C Davis Senior High School)
Sandra Sanchez, *B.S. Nursing* (Wahluke High School)
Luis Cordero, *B.A. Psychology* (Dwight D Eisenhower High School)
Jose Esquivel, *B.S. Clinical Laboratory Science* (East Valley High School)
Karina Borges, *B.S. Biomedical Science* (A C Davis Senior High School)
Luis Gomez, *B.A. Business Administration* (Dwight D Eisenhower High School)
Alejandra Haro, *B.A. Business Administration: Entrepreneurship* (West Valley High School)
Dahlton Madison, *B.A. Psychology* (West Valley High School)
Clemente Navarro, *B.A. Psychology* (Toppenish High School)
Aide Torres, *B.A. English* (Dwight D Eisenhower High School)
Glenda Torres, *B.S. Nursing* (West Valley High School)
Kayli Berk, *B.A. English/Language Arts (5-12)* (Bickleton High School)
Jesus Mendez, *B.S. Computer Science* (A C Davis Senior High School)
Emiliano Orozco, *B.A. History* (Toppenish High School)
Jose Ortiz-Garcia, *B.S. Chemistry* (A C Davis Senior High School)

Northwest University

Jocelyn Rott, *B.A. Intercultural Studies* (Henry Foss High School)
Elizabeth Absten, *B.A. Intercultural Studies* (Life Christian Academy)
Petrice Bokako, *B.A. Management* (Clover Park High School)
Jessica Carey, *B.A. Psychology* (Oliver M Hazen High School)
Brittany Villars, *B.A. Communication Studies* (Cleveland High School)

Pacific Lutheran University

Yadira Avendano, *B.A. Women's & Gender Studies* (Highline High School)
Austin Beiermann, *B.A. Economics & Politics and Government* (Mount Tahoma High School)
Elexia Johnson, *B.A. Communication* (Harrison Preparatory School)
Ashley Lambertson, *B.A. Social Work* (Washington High School)
Quenessa Long, *B.A. Anthropology & Politics and Government* (Lakes High School)
Antonio Sablan, *B.A. Sociology* (Franklin Pierce High School)

University of Northwestern – St. Paul

Yosief Temnewo, *B.S. Psychology & Bible* (Hope Academy)

Warner Pacific University

Gladys Alvarado Martinez, *B.S. Social Work* (Madison High School)
Olutayo Arigbon, *B.S. Human Development* (U S Grant High School)
Linnette Meshack, *B.S. Social Work* (Roosevelt High School)
Stephanie Reyes-Chavez, *B.S. Social Work* (Oregon City High School)

Ayde Alvarado, *B.S. Sports and Recreation Management & Accounting* (Portland Lutheran High School)
Guadalupe Astorga-Ramos, *B.S. Social Work* (Woodburn Arts & Comm Academy)
Brycen Dodds, *B.S. Music Production* (West Salem High School)
Stephanie Fernandez, *B.S. Biological Science* (Clackamas High School)
Victor Gallardo-Molina, *B.S. Sports & Recreation Management* (Reynolds High School)
Veronica Jeronimo-Martinez, *B.S. Social Entrepreneurship* (Centennial High School)
Adaya Navarro-Perez, *B.S. Human Development* (David Douglas High School)
Michelle Palma-Sotelo, *B.S. Social Work* (Tualatin High School)
Sandra Ramirez, *B.S. Human Development & Family Studies* (Woodburn Academy Art Science Tech)
Daisy Ulloa, *B.S. Social Science* (Tigard Senior High School)
Cindy Valenzuela, *B.S. Social Work* (Reynolds High School)
Ekaterina Volkov, *B.S. Social Work & Psychology* (David Douglas High School)

Whitworth University

Husam Ghanim, *B.S. Physics & Mathematics* (Joel E Ferris High School)
Karen Fierro Ruiz, *B.A. Political Science* (Sumner High School)
Christopher Blair-Garcia, *B.A. Computer Science - Network Systems* (Joel E Ferris High School)
Cyrus Campos, *B.A. Computer Science - Network Systems* (Joel E Ferris High School)
Eamonn Eppinga-Neff, *B.A. English* (Lewis And Clark High School)
Joanne Fong, *B.A. Business Administration* (North Central High School)
Purnima Karki, *B.A. Sociology Social Services & Community* (North Central High School)
Clemence Kitambala, *B.A. Health Science* (Joel E Ferris High School)
Sydney Mack, *B.A. Business Administration* (Gonzaga Preparatory School)
Katie Ochoa, *B.A. Mathematics* (University High School)
Maria Vigil, *B.A. Communication* (Saint Dominic School)
Alexis Chan, *B.A. Theology and Psychology* (Newport High School)
Moses Chege, *B.A. Business Management* (Stadium High School)
Amy Cheng, *B.A. Peace Studies & Spanish Language and Literature* (Auburn Mountainview High School)
Kimberly Jasper, *B.A. Accounting* (Lakes High School)
Jordan Kelly, *B.S. Health Science* (Kentridge Senior High School)
Emily Martinez, *B.A. Sociology Social Services and Community & Spanish Language and Literature* (Health Sciences Human Services High School)
Thais Pedro-Trujillo, *B.A. Elementary Education* (Highline High School)

About Act Six

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. 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 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. 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.

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

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