

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.

LOCAL COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

Northwest

Portland: Portland Leadership Foundation

Spokane: YMCA of the Inland Northwest

Tacoma-Seattle: Degrees of Change

Yakima Valley: Degrees of Change

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)

Saint Martin's University (Lacey, WA)

Warner Pacific College (Portland, OR)

Whitworth University (Spokane, WA)

Augsburg University (Minneapolis, MN)

Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN)

Bethel University (St. Paul, MN)

Concordia College-Moorhead (Moorhead, MN)

North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)

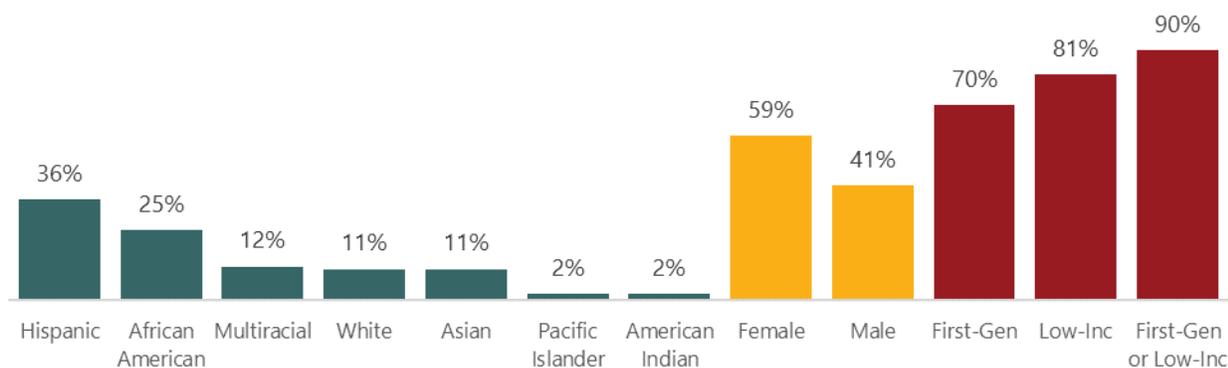
Oakland City University (Oakland City, IN)

University of Northwestern-St. Paul (MN)

Taylor University (Upland, IN)

SCHOLAR PROFILE

Since 2002, Act Six has trained **814 scholars** in **121 cadres** with the following characteristics:



COLLEGE OUTCOMES

Scholars are assuming **significant leadership roles on campus**, including numerous club presidents, **16 student government presidents** and **1 board trustee**.

85% have graduated or are still enrolled at an Act Six partner college; **87%** at any college
335 have graduated and **351** are enrolled in 2018-19

67% graduate within four years from an Act Six partner college; **68%** from any college
on average **+21%** higher than four-year grad rates for all students at partner colleges

80% graduate within six years from an Act Six partner college; **81%** from any college
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, **41 master's** degrees, **3 doctoral** degrees and **2 Fulbright** scholars.

66% return to their home communities

70% work for non-profits or public sector

30% serve in leadership roles outside of employment

76% volunteer in their communities