

## ACT SIX FACT SHEET



### Mission

Act Six is a leadership and scholarship program that connects community ministries with faith- and social justice-based colleges to equip emerging urban and community leaders to engage the college campus and their communities at home.

### Program Summary

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

- (1) **Recruit and Select:** Locally recruit and select diverse, multicultural cadres of the Northwest's most promising emerging urban and community student leaders.
- (2) **Train and Prepare:** Intensively train 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:** Send the teams together to select faith- and social justice-based colleges across Washington and Oregon on full-tuition, full-need scholarships.
- (4) **Support and Inspire:** Provide strong campus support, ongoing leadership development and vocational connections to inspire scholars to serve their home communities.

### Local Community Affiliates

- **Tacoma-Seattle:** Northwest Leadership Foundation & Yes Foundation of White Center
- **Portland:** Portland Leadership Foundation
- **Spokane:** Degrees of Change
- **Yakima Valley & Yakama Nation:** Yakima Leadership Foundation & Mending Wings

### Partner Colleges and Universities

- Whitworth University
- George Fox University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Northwest University
- Gonzaga University
- Trinity Lutheran College
- Warner Pacific College
- Heritage University

### Scholar Demographics

Since 2002, Act Six has trained 318 scholars in 37 cadres with the following characteristics:

- 30% African American
- 25% Hispanic
- 19% multiracial
- 13% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 11% Caucasian
- 2% American Indian
- represent 6 continents of the world
- speak 32 languages
- 58% female
- 72% first generation college students
- 71% from low-income families
- 86% first generation or low-income

### Outcomes

- 92% of the scholars who started college have graduated or are still enrolled
- 83% of scholars in first six cadres have graduated
- 84% of first graduates have returned to work or serve in their home communities
- 22% of first graduates are pursuing or have earned graduate degrees
- scholars have been awarded more than \$13 million in scholarships and grants
- scholars are assuming significant leadership roles on campus, including numerous club presidents and two student government presidents
- scholars are engaged in numerous community internships and service opportunities
- 100% of alumni make an annual financial gift back to Act Six