Meet Two of our Act Six Scholars

Liz Perkins’ was a “semi-checked out” senior at West Seattle High School, but that changed when a representative from Act Six visited her school. “I learned about the leadership scholarship and thought my qualities as a leader, my spiritual beliefs, and my passion for diversity would make me a good fit.”

Liz applied, interviewed, and was accepted as an Act Six Scholar. “I received leadership training and met with mentors who truly desired to see me succeed in life and leadership.” Act Six helped Liz to think critically about her role in society and challenged her to actively pursue partnerships with diverse people and organizations. “I learned important lessons about interacting and working with people from different cultures and I developed the skill of personal reflection.”

Today, she is working in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas as a middle school English teacher. Through the Teach for America program, Liz has committed the next two years of her life to help kids growing up in poverty receive the kind of education they deserve. “Teach for America has built on my leadership skill and passion for social justice developed during my time at Act Six and Northwest. Teaching is admittedly a challenging career, but my training with Act Six at NU has prepared me well to give back to this community.”

As a young boy in Nigeria, Augustine Ajuogu noticed when a classmate was absent, wondering if he would never see his fellow student again—another victim of disease. Augustine moved to the United States with his mother, but never forgot his home. His experience in Nigeria sparked a deep passion for biology, hoping he might attend college and develop vaccines to save lives.

Yet, he saw little chance of affording college. One day, a teacher told Augustine about the Act Six Scholarship. He applied, was accepted, and chose to attend Northwest University. After graduating from NU, Augustine was accepted into the Master of Immunology program at Oxford University in the UK. His goal is to develop vaccines for the people who need them most.

“Without the Act Six Scholarship and the instruction and care of my professors at NU, I Never would have had this chance. I have been blessed and I have a moral obligation to extend that blessing to others. God has done His part. Now it’s time for me to do mine.”

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