



RAINIER
SCHOLARS

ASPIRATIONS

POTENTIAL

ACCESS

OPPORTUNITY



MISSION

Rainier Scholars cultivates the academic potential and leadership skills of hard-working, low-income students of color.

By creating access to transformative educational opportunities and providing comprehensive support to scholars and families, we increase college graduation rates and empower new generations of leaders.



“At Rainier Scholars, I feel safe being smart.”

– 5th grade scholar

Rainier Scholars is a 12-year program serving students from 5th grade through college graduation, helping them become the first in their family to earn a 4-year college degree.



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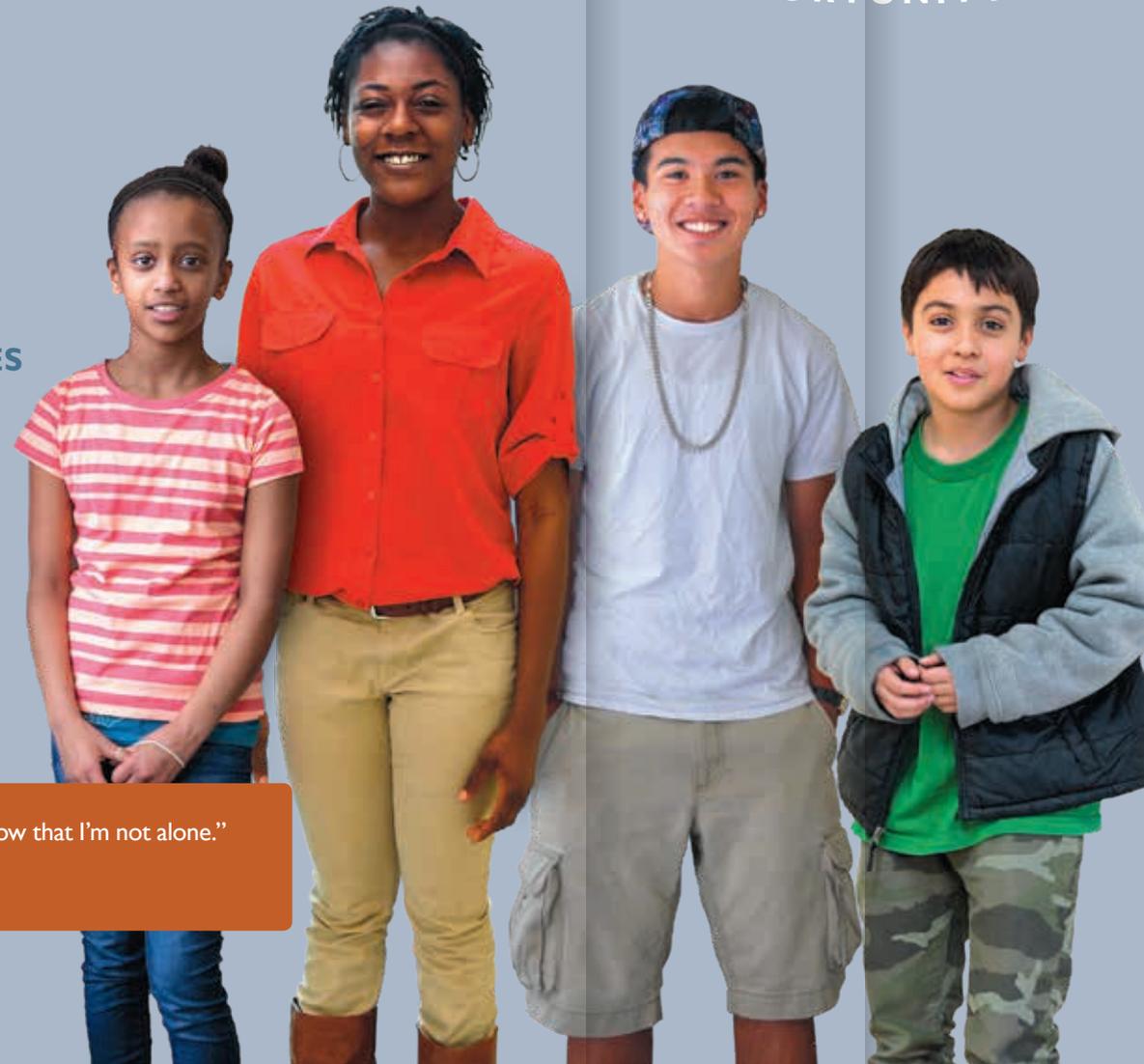
OPPORTUNITY

STRETCHING MINDS

- Academic Focus
- Personalized Support
- Leadership Development
- Career Preparation
- Professional Networking

LAUNCHING FUTURES

- College Graduate
- Career Professional
- Community Leader



“Because of Rainier Scholars, I know that I’m not alone.”

– 8th grade scholar

14-MONTH ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (AEP)

5th Grade

An intensive 14-month academic experience designed to prepare students for placement in public and private school college preparatory settings. In a supportive cohort environment, scholars study advanced core subjects, learn skills for academic success, build resiliency and embrace cultural identity as they become high-achieving students of color.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT (MSS)

6th–8th Grade | Academic Counseling & Character Development

A time for scholars to navigate new educational surroundings while developing a sense of belonging and purpose. With the guidance of counselors, students explore new learning experiences, cultivate college readiness skills and draw on the strength of their cohort for continued success.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT (HSS)

9th–12th Grade | College Counseling & Leadership Development

Personalized college planning, leadership skill building and career internships challenge scholars to envision their future. Each experience brings them one step closer to college and future leadership roles in our community.

COLLEGE SUPPORT (CS)

Freshman–Senior | Undergraduate Counseling & Career Development

A framework of support for scholars to ensure college success and career readiness. Through internships, retreats, counseling and career development opportunities, students build professional skills and networks essential for college graduates to become a new generation of leaders.

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EARLIER START INITIATIVE

We now enroll scholars in the 14-Month Academic Enrichment Program one year earlier, in 5th grade, placing students on college prep pathways at the start of their middle school experience in 6th grade.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the start of our program in 2002, our scholars have achieved:

- 98% placement into college preparatory settings in public or private schools
- 99% admission to 4-year colleges and universities for the first 9 cohorts
- 93% college graduation, or are on track to graduate from a 4-year college
- 500+ professional internships in diverse career fields
- Employment in top companies throughout the region and entry into Master's and Doctoral degree programs.

“I believe I can accomplish great things, no matter where I've come from.”

– 10th grade scholar



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We currently serve 700+ scholars annually, adding a cohort of 60-65 students each year.

Our scholars are students of color who have the greatest number of barriers to earning a college degree and are the most underrepresented on college campuses:

- 90% are from households without a 4-year college degree
- 87% are from families who qualify as low-income

“As our students emerge with college degrees, the likelihood that the next generation will take a step up the economic, professional and educational ladder multiplies ten-fold, which benefits all of society in the process.”

— Sarah Smith, Executive Director



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“Rainier Scholars gave me the opportunity and the skills to succeed.”

— College Sophomore



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