



RAINIER SCHOLARS PRESS ESSENTIALS

ABOUT RAINIER SCHOLARS

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.

RAINIER SCHOLARS UNIQUE PROGRAM MODEL:

- Starts early with students entering in 5th grade
- Creates strong partnerships with families
- Provides a holistic, 12-year approach that supports scholars through college graduation
- Focuses on rigorous academics, preparing students for college preparatory pathways
- Develops critical thinking and leadership skills
- Helps students apply to a range of colleges, including the most selective
- Matches scholars with targeted high school and college internships

OUTCOMES AND STATS:

- 650+ students of color and their families served by program
- 85% of families served are low-income
- 90% of students come from households without a college degree
- 98% of scholars achieve placement in public school Advanced Learning programs or private school college preparatory settings
- 99% admission to four-year colleges and universities for first seven cohorts
- 400+ professional internships in diverse career fields
- As of fall 2016, 163 scholars at 56 colleges and universities in 15 states with 87% on track for graduation within five years

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- 2015-2019 'Spirit of 12 Partner.' Selected by the Seattle Seahawks and Paul G. Allen Philanthropies as a youth service and community-based non-profit partner.
- 2015 Champion of Freedom Award, Washington Policy Center
- 2015 Community Leadership Award for Leadership in Public Education, Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA)
- 2014 Silver Winner Award for Youth Development, Community Impact Awards, Seattle Business Magazine
- 2014 Finalist for Project Roadmap Award, Project Road Map

COLLEGES CHOSEN BY OUR SCHOLARS INCLUDE:

American University, Bates College, Colgate University, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Harvard College, Howard University, Johns Hopkins University, Middlebury College, Occidental College, Pomona College, Princeton University, Seattle University, Smith College, Stanford University, University of Washington, Whitman College and Yale University.