Volunteer Orientation
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History of On Point for College

1999
Starsky Robinson becomes On Point’s first student to earn a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Albany.

2003
Ginny Donohue leaves her corporate career to found On Point for College from the trunk of her car.

2006
College Success & Career Services programs established, ensuring success beyond admission.

2008
On Point replicates to Utica, NY and partners with two NYC agencies to expand college success.

2012
On Point celebrates its 1000th college graduate, including its first lawyers, teachers, and PhDs.

2014
Ginny Donohue steps down as Executive Director and Sam Rowser becomes On Point’s leader.

2016
On Point expands to Cayuga, Cortland, & Oswego counties, bringing the total number of counties served to 7.
Our Purpose

“On Point for College works to support all individuals, regardless of age, circumstances, or socio-economic status in pursuing higher education and improving the quality of their lives.”
What Makes On Point for College Different?

1. The services we provide
2. How students access our program
Our Students

- 95% first generation college students
- 30% have no parents in their lives
- 50%+ out of high school when they enroll in OPFC
- 99% low income to very low income
- Include homeless, foster care, refugees, court-involved

- 10,000+ Students have been empowered to pursue higher education.
- 3,000+ On Point students are enrolled in post-secondary programs currently.
- 2,700+ On Point students have earned a degree or credential with our help.
Who is On Point for College?
College Access

- Outreach at community centers & libraries
- One-on-one student advisement
- Help applying for college & financial aid
- Pre-college tours
- Pre-college orientation
- Basic college supplies

You don’t realize how important these pre-college steps are until you have nobody to advise you. On Point was the first step in changing my life. (Stefon Greene)
College Success

• Support throughout college
• Regular campus check-ins
• Transportation to/from college
• Safe summer housing
• Basic and emergency needs support

On Point for College was like the guardian I never had. They helped me when my grandmother went into a nursing home and I didn’t have a place to stay and was living in my car. They gave me a second chance at life. (Brian Greene)
Career Services

- One-on-one advisement & career planning
- Resume, cover letter, & interview assistance
- Soft skill building and mentoring
- Job fair and networking event hosting
- Trusted partner of 250 regional employers

On Point for College helped me land internships at Representative Dan Maffei’s office, Pinckney Hugo Group, and the Central New York Community Foundation. I never would have accomplished this without their help. (Shadayvia Wallace)
The Impact of On Point for College
Expanding the Volunteer Program

- Now serving 7 counties!
  - Onondaga
  - Oneida
  - Oswego
  - Cayuga
  - Cortland
  - Madison
  - Herkimer
What to Expect From On Point for College

- Engaging volunteer placements
- Meaningful experiences
- Recognition
- Support from staff
Expectations of Volunteers

• Confidentiality
• Be open to listening
• A kind and courteous attitude
• Elevate concerns to staff
• Give us feedback
Current Volunteer Opportunities

- Advocacy & Recruitment
  - Campus Angel
  - Community Angel
  - Community Connector
- Career Services
- Partnerships
Current Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer Driver
- Outreach
- Virtual Tutoring
- Resume & Cover Letter Review
- Mock Interviews
- Special Projects
Next Steps

1. Return orientation forms
2. Forward anti-harassment training certificate
3. Check your email for training opportunities
4. Sign-up for volunteer opportunities
5. Get to know the students!
Let’s Get Started!

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