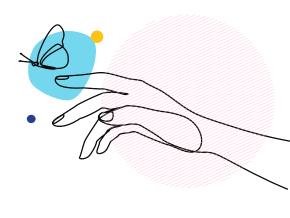
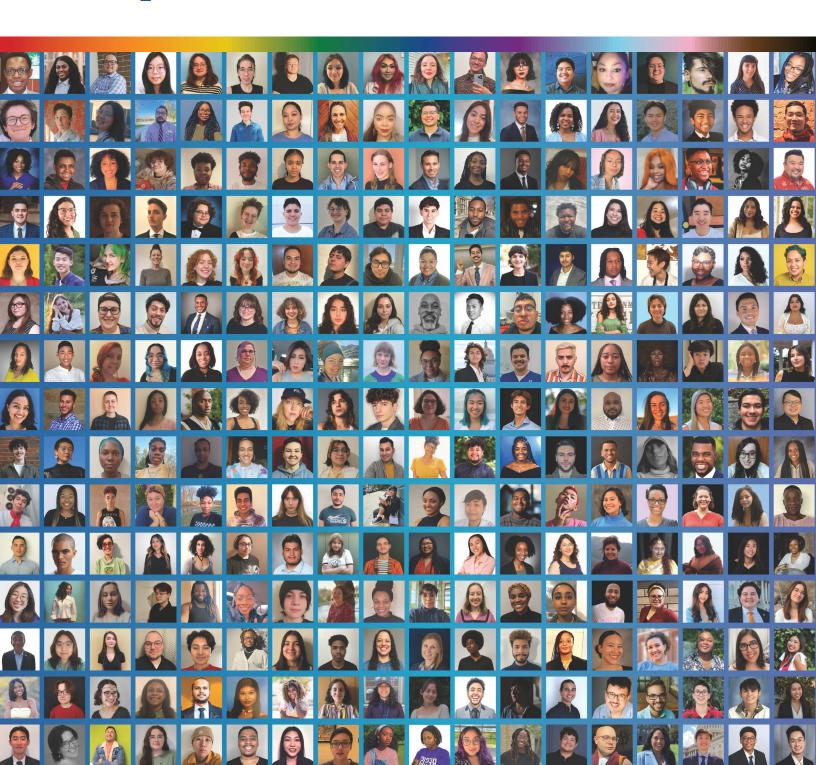


# 2023 Annual Report





### **EXECUTIVE**

## **MESSAGE**

and gratitude that we share Point Foundation's great achievements in our ongoing mission to empower lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential.

Last year, Point awarded scholarships and grants to a record 552 students. In the 2023-2024 academic year, we're surpassing that record and supporting 575 LGBTQ undergraduate, graduate, and community college students — the largest class in our organization's history — with a powerful combination of financial support, mentorship and leadership training.

Our ever-expanding class of scholars and grant recipients is a testament to the unwavering commitment and generosity of you, our donors, partners and volunteers. Your belief in our mission, along with your continual support, enable us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of these exceptional scholars, helping assure a more inclusive and equitable future for us all.

In addition to our scholarship and leadership programs, our mentorship initiatives have continued to be a pillar of our success and impact. Through the power of mentorship, our scholars receive guidance, support, and a sense of belonging that are invaluable in their academic, personal and professional journeys. This year, Point introduced a new concept, 'group mentoring,' designed to provide a safe and affirming learning environment for our scholars to work with their peers, and connect with exceptionally talented LGBTQ professionals and allies who will help them develop and strengthen their knowledge in LGBTQ advocacy, networking, leadership development, and career exploration.

The mentorship relationships forged in the Point community go beyond academic assistance; they encompass personal development, career guidance,







and the development of lifelong connections. Our mentors play a vital role in instilling confidence, resilience, and the belief that LGBTQ students can not only succeed, but thrive.

In following pages, you will read about highlights from this past year. They include opportunities—both virtual and in-person — to bring our scholars together, connect with supporters, and advance our mission.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to expanding our impact and ensuring that each of our Point Scholars can pursue and achieve their dreams. We envision a future where discrimination and exclusion have no place in education or the workplace, where individuals are celebrated for their uniqueness and contributions, and where the LGBTQ community can continue to flourish.

We cannot achieve this vision alone, however. Our progress is made possible due to the generous support and dedication of our many donors, partners and volunteers, some of whom you will see highlighted in this report. Your belief in our mission is the driving force behind our success, and we thank you for joining us in further strengthening Point Foundation, and in helping create a more inclusive and equitable world.

### **INCOMING CLASS**

**OF 2023** 

ach year, Point Foundation goes through the difficult process of selecting scholarship recipients. We are awarding more scholarships than ever and every year, without fail, staff, board members, and alumni are overwhelmed by the accomplishments and commitment to building a better world we see amongst our applicants.



students are receiving financial support, mentorship, and leadership training

2 Undergraduate and Graduate Flagship Scholars

95 Community College Scholars

280 BIPOC Scholars

118 Opportunity Grant Recipients

Of these,



are first generation college students.

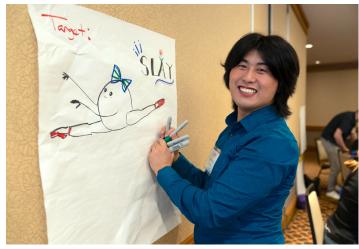


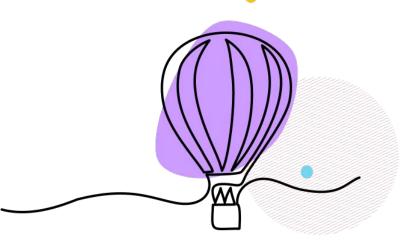


of Community College Scholars successfully transferred to fouryear colleges, which is more than DOUBLE the national average.



point's Board of Directors and staff welcomed the 2023-2024 cohort of scholars at the two-day new scholar orientation in July. In addition to providing the opportunity to connect with each other and the broader Point community, the experience invited scholars to strengthen their individual and collective leadership skills for advocating and influencing change. Each activity foregrounded one or more of Point's four leadership pillars: purpose, superpowers, champions, and wellness.







### **NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS**

he Named Scholarship program allows individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations to establish a scholarship in honor of an individual or organization. Scholarships may be donated in one payment, or through a commitment to make four annual payments of \$25,000.

A lasting impact comes from endowing a Named Scholarship in perpetuity with a \$500,000 contribution. Such a gift makes it possible for Point to finance the education of scholars today and far into the future

Donors can also support Point's Community College Program by creating a Named Scholarship through a gift of \$8,000 (in one payment or a commitment to fund over one year). The Named Scholarship for a community college student helps cover academic tuition and/or costs associated with their education and Point's coaching program to prepare the student for the transition into a four-year institution.

In 2020, Point was proud to establish our scholarship program specifically designed for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) LGBTQ students. With the generous support of our donors, Point was able to award 230 Named Scholarships in the 2023-24 academic year.

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oint's corporate partners, Coach and Victoria's Secret & Co., welcomed Point Scholars to their New York City offices in March to launch Point's Career Exposure programming. The students were welcomed by senior leadership from each organization—Greg Unis, Brand President of VS&Co. and Pink, and Stuart Vevers, Creative Director of Coach.

During the two-day visit, Point Scholars not only participated in speed networking with talent from Coach and met with early and mid-career teams at Victoria's Secret & Co., but also got a sneak peek at the manufacturing process.

In addition to the New York City Career Exposure visit, all Point Scholars were invited to the Virtual Opportunity Fair. Attendees met with representatives from our corporate partners' LGBTQ Employee Resource Groups as well as early talent recruiters who provided information on internships and career pathways.





### **NYC HOMECOMING**

### **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

eld on November 7, 2022, Point Foundation's NYC Homecoming Cocktail Reception was the organization's first in-person event in New York City in over two years, and we were thrilled to reconnect with old friends and new supporters at Tribeca360.

Hosted by American Television Journalist and *New York Times* Bestselling Author, Don Lemon, the brief speaking program included remarks from Board of Directors Co-Chair Peter Lichtenthal and Executive Director and CEO Jorge Valencia. Yvin Shin, a Point Flagship Scholar at Columbia University and recipient of the Stacey Friedman Scholarship, was the featured scholar speaker.



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### **BAY AREA COCKTAIL**

### **RECEPTION**

Point Foundation's Bay Area Cocktail Reception, held on April 27, 2023, was a gathering that brought together individuals from the San Francisco Area who are committed to supporting Point's mission. Hosted at Arcana and cultivated by Board of Directors Aaron P. Leifer, Benjamin Kozub, and Christopher Nizer, the evening featured remarks from Point Flagship Scholar and Victoria's Secret & Co. Scholarship recipient Camille Chabot, who shared her experience as an international student who has overcome adversity and discrimination to achieve her academic dreams.



Camille, who graduated in spring 2023, is now a legal research consultant for the Human Rights Center at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law while pursuing a masters of law degree in Law and Chinese Society at Yenching Academy of Peking University.

n May 3, 2023, Point hosted our DC Taste of Point event at Room & Board Home Furnishings in Washington, DC. The fundraiser included selections from 14th Street Corridor restaurants and mixologists; the opportunity to connect and reconnect with Point Scholars, Alumni, and supporters; and remarks from featured speaker Rio Dennis, a Point Flagship Scholar and recipient of the Victoria's Secret & Co. Scholarship who is pursuing a law degree at Georgetown University.







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### **LA GRADUATION**

## **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

Point Foundation's LA Graduation Cocktail Reception on May 20, 2023, celebrated the remarkable achievements of our recent graduates. Held at Neuehouse Hollywood, the event brought together Point Scholars, Alumni, and supporters from the greater LA area in a spirit of unity and pride.

Hosted by award-winning author, producer, and historian of LGBTQ politics Dr. Eric Cervini, the brief program included remarks from Executive Director and CEO Jorge Valencia and featured graduating scholar speaker Devorah Simon, Point Flagship Scholar at Stanford University and EY Scholarship recipient. The program closed with remarks from Board of Directors Co-Chairs, Peter Lichtenthal and Brian Dent, who expressed gratitude to mentors and contributors who have played a pivotal role in Point scholars' success.







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#### \$500,000 or more

Anonymous (1) Wells Fargo

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Apollo Opportunity Fund **CBRF** Synchrony Bank Victoria's Secret & Co.

#### \$100,000 - \$199,999

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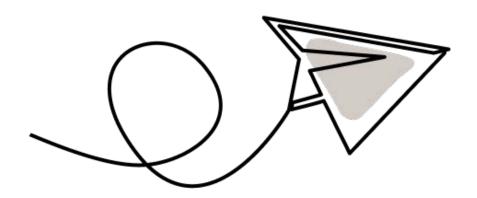
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The Annual Report presents a summary of Point Foundation's financial activity and financial position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

This year's audit was performed by GHJ, 700 S. Flower St., Suite 3300, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Point received an unqualified opinion. An independent Auditor's Report, including the complete Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the Federal Tax Form 990 may be requested from info@pointfoundation.org or found at

www.pointfoundation.org/annualreports

#### Statement of Activities

REVENUE, GAINS AND SUPPORT	
Contributions & Other Income	\$9,990,494
In-Kind Contributions	\$43,711
Special Events Return (Net)	\$32,210
Investment Return (Net)	\$737,424
Total Revenue, Gains and Support	\$10,803,839

#### Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$17,740,435
Contributions Receivable, Prepaids and Other Assets	\$2,436,360
Property and Equipment (Net)	\$59,406
Total Assets	\$20,236,201

#### **EXPENSES**

<b>Program</b>	Services:
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\$3,098,452
\$1,087,112
\$477,923
\$4,663,487
\$402,799
\$658,063
\$5,724,349
\$5,079,490
\$14,700,601
\$19,780,091

NET ASSETS	
Total Liabilities	\$456,110

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** 

NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$6,950,900	
With Donor Restrictions	\$12,829,191	
Total Net Assets	\$19,780,091	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$20,236,201	

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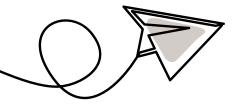
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