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Jorge Valencia
Executive Director & CEO
Point Foundation

Jorge Valencia serves as the Executive Director & CEO of Point Foundation, the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) students of merit. Jorge brings a passion for education, activism and LGBTQ youth to his role.

Since joining Point in 2007, Jorge has overseen the Foundation's steady financial growth and program enrichments. From regional leadership and mentoring forums, to the annual Scholar & Alumni Leadership Conference, Jorge has demonstrated the ability to design and operate Point's infrastructure.

Prior to Point, Jorge served as the President and Executive Director of The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Jorge's leadership contributed to The Trevor Project's growth as a nationally-recognized youth service organization, and he continues to serve on the Trevor Project's Leadership Council.

During the Clinton Administration Jorge served as the Director of External Affairs for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and represented the Administration and SBA interests at numerous speaking engagements and conferences.

Jorge grew up in a Latino Mormon family in Texas – an environment filled with stigmas and obstacles attached to the acceptance of his sexuality. Like many of Point's scholars, Jorge found opportunity in the face of adversity and used his experience to work towards a better world and built a habit of activism. As a past board member Affirmation, Jorge has helped other LGBTQ Mormons and their families live productive lives consistent with their faith and heritage.

Jorge earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University. While enrolled, he served as Vice President of social activities for the Associated Students of Brigham Young University.

Jorge is an accomplished public speaker, having spoken at national conferences focusing on education, youth and LGBTQ issues. Jorge lives in Los Angeles, CA with his partner.

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