

## **UZO ADUBA AND DUSTIN LANCE BLACK TO BE HONORED BY POINT FOUNDATION**

### ***April 3 Point Honors New York Gala Recognizes Their Support of the LGBTQ Community and Celebrates Accomplishments of LGBTQ Students***

**New York, NY, February 16, 2017** – Point Foundation will honor Emmy Award-winning actress and star of Netflix’s “Orange is the New Black” [Uzo Aduba](#), and Academy Award-winning writer and director [Dustin Lance Black](#), at the annual Point Honors Gala at the majestic Plaza Hotel April 3, 2017.

Aduba will receive the Point Courage Award, which recognizes those who have advocated for the future of the LGBTQ community and believe investing in today's potential will produce a brighter tomorrow. Black will receive the Point Leadership Award, which honors an individual who has achieved prominence in their professional career and unequivocally supports the LGBTQ community.

"At times, when the world seems confusing and uncertain - something LGBTQ young people are all too familiar with - individuals possessing great artistry and talent can help show us the way forward," said [Jorge Valencia](#), Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Point Foundation. "Point's scholarship recipients are inspired by Uzo and Dustin, and we are thrilled to honor them."

Celebrity attendees and performers will be announced soon. Some of Point's 84 current scholarship recipients and 244 alumni will be present at the event to share their inspiring stories about how they have overcome challenges to get their higher education degrees.

Point Foundation, the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for LGBTQ students of merit, has presented awards in recent years to Lena Dunham, Jonathan Groff, Greg Louganis, Pete Nowalk, Robin Roberts, and Jeffrey Tambor. **For more information and tickets, please visit [www.pointfoundation.org/HonorsNY17](http://www.pointfoundation.org/HonorsNY17)**

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