

## 2018 Surge Fellow

**D**ominique “Dom” McKoy is an educational advocate with a gift for building relationships and a passion for helping young people develop the agency needed to maximize their own potential. Driven by a belief in putting students first, he currently serves as the Director of School Partnership at OneGoal, a college access and persistence program working towards closing the college divide for young people across the country.

In his role at OneGoal, Dom partners with high school administrators and educators across Chicago Public Schools to help each unique school community implement OneGoal’s three-year college persistence model.



Pursuing educational equity and college access has been a central theme throughout Dom’s professional career. Prior to OneGoal, Dom served in a variety of roles at Urban Prep Academies, a network of public charter high schools serving African-American young men in Chicago. At Urban Prep, Dom began his work in the classroom at the Bronzeville campus as part of the Urban Prep Fellows Program, where he taught and mentored a group of 22 freshman, many of whom he retains a relationship with to this day.

With an interest in maximizing his impact, Dom later pursued an opportunity to work at Urban Prep’s network headquarters where he served as the Executive Assistant to Urban Prep’s CEO and the Manager of the Urban Prep Fellows Program, where he oversaw the hiring and management of the first Urban Prep Alumni to return to their alma mater as full time staff members.

A proud graduate of Kenyon College in Gambier, OH, Dom to this day has remained active alumnus volunteering through the Alumni of Color mentoring program and working with the Kenyon admissions office to help support the recruitment and retention of students of color from the Chicago area. Additionally, Dom serves on the Associate Board for the Chicago Public Library Foundation where he helps to raise funds for Foundation supported programming such as YouMedia, the Makers Lab and Teachers in the Library.

Dom currently resides in Chicago, IL and considers the city home, however originally from Portland, Oregon, he still strongly retains his love for both the Portland Trail Blazers and Powell’s City of Books. A life-long learner, Dom enjoys making time for reading, listening to podcasts and trying to improve his “hoops” game through weekly games of pickup basketball.