

Being part of OnTrack OHSU has been an amazing opportunity for me as a first-generation student. It has given me the information needed as a student that wants to pursue a degree in medical school. It has inspired me to get a degree and also helped me with mentoring and every resource I needed as a first-year college student. They continuously still help me and guide me with any question I have. I believe it allows Woodburn students with help and guidance and partnership with researchers and doctors in different fields. As a community that has a ton of first-generation students, OnTrack provides students and parents with help and adequate guidance. Also, the internships they have every year were extremely helpful to me as it allowed students and I to learn in a science environment.

My experience with OnTrack was the reason why I want to pursue a career in science and medicine. Every field trip we took going to OHSU provided me with an insight into all the different careers there are in the medical field. Each internship gave me the experience and guidance to want to continue research, during my undergraduate years. It continues to help me when it comes to questions my parents can not answer since they have never experienced college or a degree in science.

I encourage every Woodburn student who is seeking a career in health, science, or public help to be a part of this amazing On Track organization. Azalea Martinez has been helping me a ton in high school and also college, especially when it came to figuring out scholarship processes, as also financial aid; till this day she continues to help me. She has made a big impact in my life as she continues to push me in my academic life and continues being a role model for me and our community as she has a strong connection with parents in our school district. I thank OnTrack for helping me figure out what career I want to pursue and guiding me in the process of obtaining a higher education.