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Prior to joining GG+A, Ontonio managed several diversity initiatives throughout Chicago and gained administrative experience. As a Dean Assistant for the University of Illinois at Chicago Honors College, Ontonio tracked the academic and extracurricular progress of over 100 President's Award Scholarship recipients via the management of grade reports and recording of participation in campus activities. He exposed students to diversity initiatives aimed at bolstering the social health Chicago's low socioeconomic neighborhoods. The subsequent initiatives included the development of a Martin Luther King Week of Service across UIC's campus and the Chicago area and the founding of Study with Smyth, a tutoring program at John M Smyth School.

Ontonio's academic background includes extensive research on the long term effects of youth mentoring, as well as, the effects of choice on on-task behavior for people with developmental disabilities. He has presented these research projects at a number of national conferences, including Illinois Summer Research Symposium and IALHEA Diversity Conference. Ontonio is currently completing two research projects. He will be graduating from University of Illinois at Chicago with a B.A. in Psychology in May of 2017.