



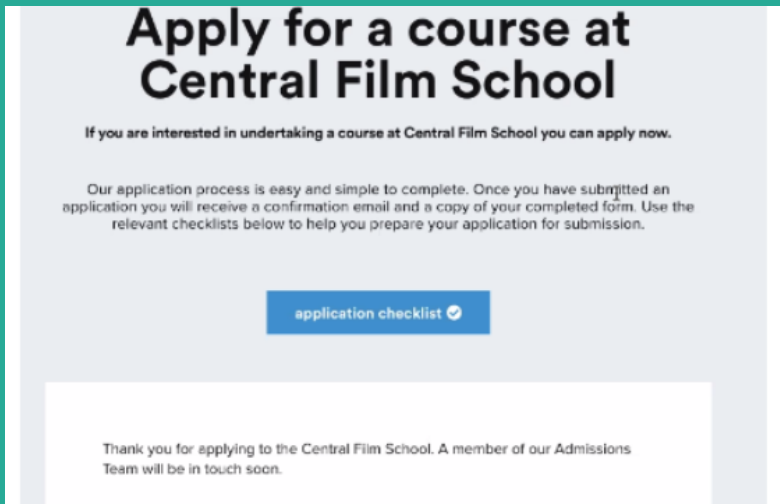
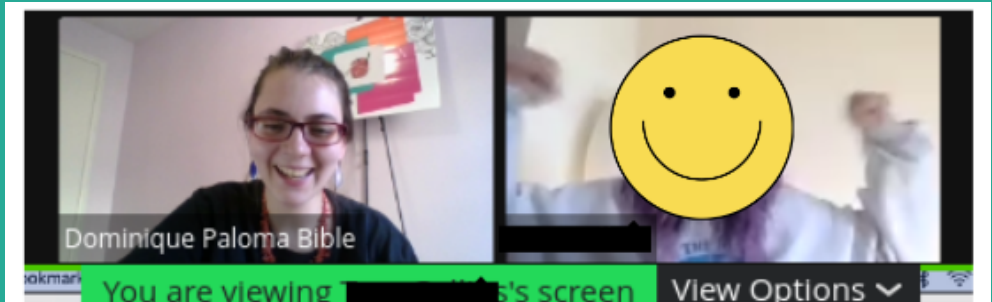
Off Da Beaten Path Learning LLC
Winter 2023 Newsletter

College Applications are in!

Congratulations! to all the college applicants across this

Planet Earth! An especially big round of applause to one of our learners who just applied to their top dream schools abroad. For each of their submissions, they included three astounding documents: a killer personal statement, a comprehensive creative CV, and a bursting transcript. Currently, they are putting the finishing touches on their creative portfolio, and then hopefully interviews, acceptance letters, enjoyment, exploration, and accomplishment! Ah!

As they have been a self-directed learner for many years, their academic transcript was dotted with impressive and intriguing coursework. Self-directed education often means standing out from the crowd, and sometimes it includes engaging in coursework that some might question. (Fun fact: As a Goddard College undergraduate, I took Humor Education, Documentary Filmmaking, The Neuroscience of Empathy, and Narrative Cartography.)



Upcoming Workshop

I am collaborating with another VELA Education Fund grantee-educator from Las Vegas, Nevada! This workshop is presented to the grantee community as a part of the community expert series.

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Power of 1-on-1:
Working with Neurodivergent
Youth to Lead to Success

Dominique Paloma Bible, M.A.
Off Da Beaten Path Learning
& Anita Williams, M.S.
DragonFly Academy

Thursday, Feb 23 2023
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST
Community Expert Series
VELA Mighty Networks

Power of 1-on-1: Working with Neurodivergent Youth to Lead to Success

Here's the description: What are the benefits of 1-on-1 education work for neurodivergent youth? Is it so beneficial that it should be considered necessary

for an appropriate education? In this workshop, we provide screening tools designed to be utilized through 1-on-1 work with learners. Although our screening tool is useful for any learner of any neurological type, our guiding question centers youth who are neurological minorities. We will not define neurodiversity or analyze any particular labels, but instead discuss ways of better understanding and respecting learner individuality. Participants of the workshop will explore the set of screening tools through a role playing activity in breakout rooms and then a group discussion.

This workshop is co-presented by two VELA grant recipients: Dominique Paloma Bible, MA, Founder of Off Da Beaten Path Learning, and Anita Williams, MS, LCPC, Founder of [DragonFly Academy Therapeutic and Educational Services](#). Dominique is an alternative and community educator facilitating 1-on-1 self-directed education, based in New York. Anita is a clinical psychotherapist and educator living in Henderson Nevada, working in and around the Las Vegas/Henderson area; providing alternative educational and therapeutic services and resources for neurodiverse learners and their families.

Word spreads, interest rises

Word of mouth referrals are bringing interest to Off Da Beaten Path Learning. People are asking, so what is 1-on-1 self-directed education? Off Da Beaten Path Learning offers highly personalized education guidance that empowers youth to make their own choices, to move their lives forward with purposeful initiative. We meet on a weekly, usually virtual basis to keep the learner true to their goals. Think more mentoring than tutoring. Our process consists of weekly meetings to set goals and achieve them – with consistency, patience, humor, humility, honesty, courage, and always autonomy.

We serve those in homeschool, attending school, and transitioning into school, ages 5 to 24.

So long as you are a young person who wants ownership over your education, you've come to the right place. If you are interested in our 1-on-1 education guidance, either for yourself or for a loved one, you can schedule an initial meeting to see if our services would be a fit.

<https://calendly.com/offdabeatenpath/initial>

Outreach Tour Update

In the Summer ODBP Newsletter, I announced the Outreach Tour. The purpose of the tour was to introduce Off Da Beaten Path Learning to other local or related businesses, organizations, religious centers, health clinics, youth clubs, news outlets, museums, libraries, etc. So far, I have reached out to about two dozen health care centers and professionals, a dozen youth clubs, and a handful of parent groups. My objective in connecting with others is to exchange information on our respective services. The more people understand about alternative and self-directed education, the more people have access to their full power.

Featured in...

[Unschool Files Zine Issue #4](#)

And follow The Unschool Files Zine [creator on Instagram](#) here:



THE UNSCHOOL FILES
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[Professor Wendy's Classes](#)

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Help! Here are some useful resources



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Below please find some sources for aiding you on your homeschool journey!

FEARLESS HOMESCHOOLING with Joanna Lodin

FearlessHSing@gmail.com

Fearless Homeschooling workshops are organized by long-time homeschooler, Joanna Allen Lodin. Joanna is mom to three boys, ages 29, 27 and 22, all lifelong homeschoolers until it came time for college and work. She has also mentored many families in the joy of homeschooling for the past 25 years. She also offers one on one counseling too.

HSLDA

<http://www.hslda.org>

The Homeschool Legal Defense Association is a powerhouse of advocacy for

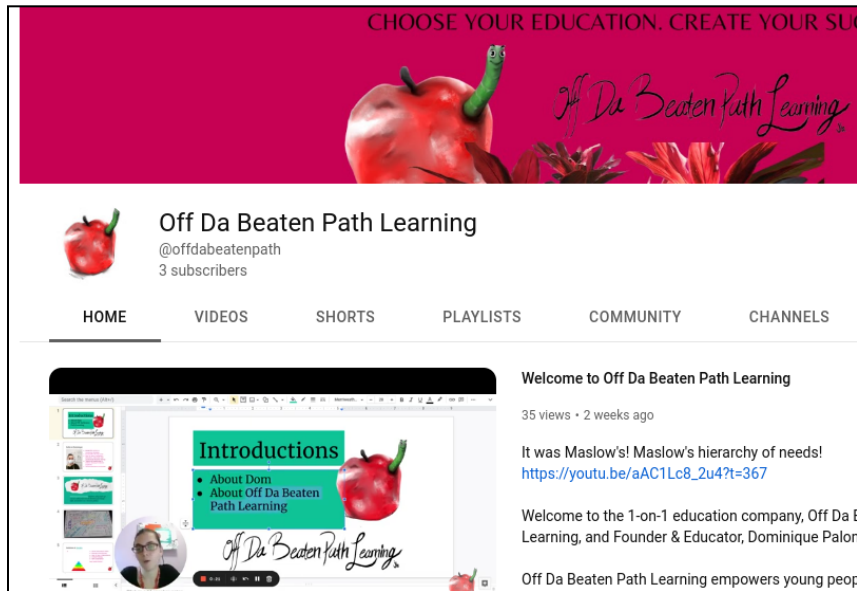
[New York Women in Business](#)

Off Da Beaten Path Learning is listed as a business.

The screenshot shows the NYWIB website header with navigation links: Home, Our community, and Tools and resources. Below the header is a blue banner with an orange box containing the text "Business: Off Da Beaten Path Learning". The main content area features a red apple with a green stem and leaf on the left. To the right of the apple is the "Business Details" section, which includes the tagline "Choose your education. Create your success.", the mission statement "Mission: Off Da Beaten Path Learning empowers young people ages 5 to 24 to achieve their own self-ider", and the vision statement "Vision: Off Da Beaten Path Learning offers highly personalized 1-on-1 education guidance. We work with learners, serve as additional guidance for young ones attending school, and also empower those working".

YouTube

I will use this channel to post alternative education and ODBP related videos. I am starting with a few tutoring how-to series for those studying for the GED exam Reading Language Arts section. I will cover topics such as subject verb agreement, inferences and conclusions, punctuation, and more.



Find us at offdabeatenpath.com

Contact dom@offdabeatenpath.com with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Thank you!

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Founder & Educator, Off Da Beaten Path Learning LLC

