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At-Risk Youth Program's Graduates To Be Recognized For Academic Achievements

Omaha, Neb - On May 4th thirty-six high school seniors and four recent college graduates from Partnership 4 Kids Mentoring Program will be recognized for their academic achievements during a special honors banquet at Field Club of Omaha, 3615 Woolworth Ave. Graduating high school senior participants, Ladazja Ivory, Austin Pena and Daisy Robledo will share will help recognize their peers for overcome obstacles and achieving success both in and outside of the classroom.

"I can honestly say that the P4k program has been a support and guide for me to stay on track in school," said Partnership 4 Kids graduate, Ladazja Ivory. "Becoming involved in the P4K programs is one of the best things that I could have done to prepare for my future."

Ivory, Pena and Robledo, along with many of their Partnership 4 Kids classmates will be attending college in the fall. Of those students who are continuing post-secondary education, the collective group will be awarded more than \$90,000 in scholarships from various foundations.

"I am so proud of this group of P4K graduating seniors who have stayed focused on their goals and persevered despite obstacles," said Partnership 4 Kids Post Secondary Coordinator, Molly Verble. "All 36 students plan on continuing their education after high school and we are thrilled to provide scholarship support and resources as this new chapter begins."

Omaha Public Schools Superintendent, Mark Evans will give the welcoming address to attending guests and the group will also receive special congratulatory messages from community leaders and local celebrities, including former Husker college football running back, Ameer Abdullah.

Each of the Partnership seniors will also receive traditional honor cords to wear at his or her individual graduation ceremony. These honor chords signify the students' educational achievements and their affiliation with Partnership 4 Kids.

Partnership 4 Kids is a goal setting and group mentoring program that builds hope for underserved students and helps them create a foundation for success from kindergarten to careers. The agency has been serving the youth of Omaha for 25 years and currently reaches 4,500 students. Partnership staff and volunteers empower these kids to succeed by introducing them to caring adult role-models, teaching them how to set and achieve goals, inspiring them to explore a wide variety of career paths and giving them the keys to college access.

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Partnering with kids from kindergarten to careers