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Partnership 4 Kids To Honor 57 Graduating High School Seniors Beating The Odds

Omaha, Neb – On May 1st fifty-seven high school seniors 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, Dahler Nart, Margaret Mazariegos and Tiwana Nunn will share their personal stories of obstacles they have overcome to achieve success both in and outside of the classroom.

Dahler, Tiwana, Margaret and the majority of their fellow Partnership 4 Kids classmates have pushed past insurmountable odds to graduate from high school, “And they’ve done so with grace and optimism,” said Partnership 4 Kids Program Coordinator, Logan Campa.

Dahler, a South High honors student, recipient of the prestigious Susan Thompson Buffet Scholarship award and a leader of an impressive list of extra-curriculars, also endured difficult living conditions without basic necessities or even direct access to safe drinking water, for the first ten years of her life. She and her family fled to the U.S. from a refugee camp in Thailand, where they were then faced with the daunting challenge of surviving in a new culture and learning a new language. She credits P4K with helping her find her way.

“P4K has taught me how to accomplish my goals and step out of my comfort zone and I am truly thankful for everything the program has done for me,” Dahler said about the impact the program has had on her life.

In addition to Dahler, Tiwana and Margaret, their 54 Partnership 4 Kids classmates will all be attending college in the fall. So far, the Partnership 4 Kids graduating class of 2016 have been accepted to 30+ colleges and universities throughout the country and have applied and earned over \$621,350 in scholarships.

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 more than 25 years and currently reaches 5,300 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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For more information on Partnership 4 Kids or to schedule an interview, call Lori Lundholm at 402-930-3002, or visit www.p4k.org

Partnering with kids from kindergarten to careers



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**Partnership 4 Kids Senior Banquet
May 1, 2016 | 5-7pm Agenda:**

5-5:30PM: Students/Families Arrive

5:30PM: Formal Program Starts

5:35PM: OPS Superintendent Mark Evans speaks

5:40PM: Student Speeches

(Dahler Nart and Margaret Mazariegos-Central HS)

5:50-6:10PM: Dinner

6:05-6:15PM: Keynote Speaker, Ceci Menjivar

6:15-6:25PM: Presentation of Honor Cords

6:30-6:35PM: Special Scholarships Presentation

6:35-6:45PM: Presentation of Zaid Liwaru Memorial Foundation Scholarship

6:45-6:55PM Student Closing by Tiwana Nunn