



PARTNERSHIP 4 KIDS

STUDENT SUCCESS REPORT

High school senior builds bright future with P4K

Even with the additional stress of COVID-19, Eh Soe, a current high school senior at Benson High School, is remaining optimistic with her eyes on the future. She credits her hopeful attitude to her experience with Partnership 4 Kids (P4K).

“Our mentors always assure us that things will be OK, even when there is sometimes the feeling that things won’t be,” says Eh Soe. She admits she has experienced her fair share of ups and downs. Juggling school, family, and the recent effects of COVID-19 has been difficult, but she says participating in P4K and engaging with her peers and her mentor has relieved some of these burdens and helped her realize she isn’t alone. “Talking to someone about my struggles helped me feel better. My mentor and other P4K students help me keep positive and it makes me feel better. Our conversations restore a bit of my faith in humanity.”

Eh Soe joined P4K her freshman year at Northwest High School hoping it would help her meet new people, and what she found was a community of caring adults and students who shared her struggles and ambitions to attain a college degree.

“It was nice to talk to others about our goals to get to college. We all lifted each other up.”

Even though she moved to Benson High School at the beginning of her junior year, her P4K friends from Northwest keep in touch with her. Through P4K, Eh Soe continues to build lasting friendships with like-minded, goal-oriented students, which has given her the confidence to become more involved within her high school community. Eh Soe is now part of Benson High’s Tea Club. “P4K helped me improve my social skills,” she says,

Not only has Eh Soe gained social skills, a hopeful attitude, and lasting friendships in P4K, but it has helped her discover her future career goals. During a career shadowing experience focused on law, Eh Soe realized she wanted to pursue a career helping refugees.

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Pennsylvania when she was nine. Eh Soe plans to earn her college degree and ultimately return to Thailand to aid refugees in the country. She is currently researching what area of study will best prepare her for this career pathway, but Eh Soe is certain

that she wants to use her skills to help others and make the world a more welcoming place for all, just as P4K has for her.

P4K Student Adopters: THANK YOU

Due to COVID-19, each of P4K's 3,300 students require even more interventions, safety assessments, resource referrals, and academic and career coaching as these vulnerable students navigate the compounded stressors of life and education during the pandemic.

Our new Adopt P4K Students Program is generating community support to ensure P4K students are engaged, supported, and prepared for the future.

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What P4Kers say about Deanne:

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Deanne appreciates her colleagues and always demonstrates this through gifts, thoughtful notes, words of affirmation, and encouragement/praise.

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Deanne has worked tirelessly to support all departments, attend and assist at P4K events, and always advocates for her team and P4K students.

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Her efforts during quarantine, busy summer programming, and while some staff were on leave have been appreciated and critical to P4K's ongoing success. Throughout this difficult year, Deanne has stayed positive, organized, and reliable. She overcame so many challenges in her first year as a manager and really grew as a leader.

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Always professional, helpful, and collaborative. Deanne is very intelligent and great at thinking strategically to create effective plans.

All of us at P4K are proud of Deanne and so grateful for her dedication to our students and our mission!



Deanne Schmidt
High School Program Manager
P4Ker of the Quarter