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Partnership 4 Kids Is Named As The First No Excuses Certified Nonprofit in U.S.

OMAHA, Neb. – Earlier this morning No Excuses University founder, Damen Lopez announced that local youth mentoring program, Partnership 4 Kids, has been named the very first No Excuses University (NEU) certified nonprofit in the country. The announcement was made during Lopez’ keynote address of the NEU Summer Training Institute which is taking place at the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center today and tomorrow.

“The values of No Excuses University and the mission of our agency work in concert with one another: motivating students on their adventure to and through college,” said Partnership 4 Kids Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Sue Lipsey. “Our staff is excited to work with such a highly-esteemed organization and honored to be the first No Excuses University certified nonprofit!”

No Excuses University (NEU) is a nationally recognized program that centers around a philosophy of exhibiting a culture of universal achievement for all students, no matter their individual backgrounds or perceived limitations. Through a combination of language cues and visual imagery, NEU imparts student with a comprehensive understanding of college readiness as early as pre-kindergarten and instills the concept of college as an attainable goal for everyone, no matter what potential barriers may stand in the way.

Partnership 4 Kids began incorporating NEU ideals into student programming earlier this fall and will continue promoting the use of NEU philosophies to its collaborating partners.

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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Partnering with kids from kindergarten to careers