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Partnership 4 Kids To Honor Fifty 2017 High School and College Graduates Who Are Beating The Odds
Omaha, Neb - On April 30th, 38 high school seniors and 12 college undergraduates from Partnership 4 Kids (P4K) Mentoring and Scholarship programs will be recognized for their academic achievements during a special honors banquet at Field Club of Omaha, 3615 Woolworth Ave. Graduating P4K college student, and banquet keynote speaker Rema Idriss, and a handful of fellow P4K student graduates will share their personal stories of obstacles they have overcome to achieve success both in and outside of the classroom.

“The class of 2017 is remarkable,” said P4K Post-Secondary Program Coordinator, Logan Campa. “They have overcome quite a bit-homelessness, sexual assault, troubled homes, poverty, teen parenthood, yet they are still ready to graduate and go on to college. Truth be told, they are my role models.”

Graduating P4K college student, and banquet keynote speaker, Rema Idriss is a shining example of what it means to overcome insurmountable odds for an education. Idriss is an Iraqi native who immigrated to the U.S. with her family as a young teen. Idriss spoke no English when she arrived and she had to quickly learn how to navigate a whole new culture, language and way of life which her new peers were born into. She credits P4K for helping to ease her transition and encourage her to pursue her academic dreams. Today, Idriss is graduating from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with honors and has been accepted into Midwestern University’s Doctor of Optometry Program.

“As someone who moved to this country at the age of 14 with no knowledge of the American educational system, P4K helped me come one step closer to attaining a doctorate and treating patients,” Idriss said.

In addition to excelling academically, Idriss takes time out to mentor a group of P4K high school students and a current P4K college freshman.

P4K’s 2017 high school graduates will be following Idriss’ example as they begin their post-secondary educational journey next fall. So far, the Partnership 4 Kids graduating class of 2017 have been accepted to more than 20 colleges and universities throughout the country and have earned over \$467,938.00 in scholarships.

For 27 years Partnership 4 Kids have been serving disadvantaged youth, each with their own story of survival, endurance, and a desire to succeed. P4K’s mission is to mentor these children for college today, and careers tomorrow. Through a rigorous curriculum and the support of over 400 devoted volunteers providing academic and social mentoring, P4K is helping 5,400 young people to believe in themselves and in a future rooted in education and opportunity. Together we will build a better community by inspiring hope, engaging minds, and preparing our children for college and careers.

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Partnering with kids from kindergarten to careers