

P4K Mentors of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter AND Mentors of the 2017- 2018' YEAR!

**Book Buddy Mentor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**& the Tracy Wells Book Buddy Mentor of the Year, Congrats Tracy Wells!**



“A friend, a mentor, a strong enthusiastic advocate for literacy and game changer, Tracy Wells has proven to be Book Buddy of the year! She goes above and beyond with both her ACP classes she visits at MT. View Elementary. Both Mrs. Richt and Ms. G have always given positive feedback about Tracy’s way with students as she reads and engages. She’s willing to take on any challenge that improves our student mentor relationship experiences. As I worked very closely with Tracy over the years, I’ve grown to be inspired by her passion, work ethic and commitment to achieve P4K goals. Thank you, Tracy for being an amazing advocate of literacy and building relationships through our Book Buddy program!”

Nominated by Program Coordinator, Terenza Perkins

**Goal Buddy Mentor(s) of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: Congrats to Betty Heafey & Sue Howard!**



“Our Goal Buddy of the quarter goes to two Goal Buddies, Betty Heafey and Sue Howard at Jackson Elementary! Betty and Sue are two dynamic mentors that work together to go above and beyond to make sure their students have the best experience possible! They are always coming up with extra activities, treats, and games for their students to enjoy, and always make them feel special. Betty and Sue work great together and really push each other to be the best Mentors they can be. These two are always the first Goal Buddies to arrive and the last two to leave, always making sure each student gets the quality time with Betty and Sue that they deserve. Thanks for being awesome mentors and supporting our organization!”

Nominated by Program Coordinator, Derek Comba

### **Middle School, Group Mentor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Congrats to Kayleigh Bradley-Vogt!**



“Kayleigh Bradley-Vogt mentors with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade group at Marris Middle School and has been selected as the middle school mentor of the 4th quarter! She has been a mentor for the past two years and there has not been a meeting where her mentees won’t ask about her. 😊 The girls know that Kayleigh is always available for them and love having her as their mentor. Her passion and dedication for her mentees and P4K is truly appreciated! Thank you Kayleigh, for being such an outstanding mentor at Marris Middle School!”

Nominated by Program Coordinator, Gema Ramirez

### **High School, Group Mentor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Congrats to Terri Wasmoen!**



“Terri Wasmoen mentors with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade North group. Terri began with the group halfway through the year and wasn’t given enough time to get matched with any of our students, but she ended up being a great resource for our entire group! Terri has gone above and beyond by regularly attending meetings and participating in our Mentor Advisory Board as well as participating in career panels. Terri has made certain that she has gotten to know each of our students and has facilitated several activities within our our meetings, such as a large group debate on gun violence in which she taught the students the correct format for debating issues. I admire the fact that she is not afraid to set expectations for our group as she always makes sure she is being mindful and respectful of the students. Terri has also illustrated a commitment to P4K by promoting our organization to her friends and spouse.”

Nominated by Program Coordinator, Toia Phillips

### **Cookie and Jerry Hoberman Goal Buddy Mentor of the Year – Steve Wade**



“There are many things that one could say about our 2017-2018 Goal Buddy Mentor of the Year. Dedicated, passionate, caring, honest, generous and actively engaged with P4K students, teachers, principals, staff and beyond.

“One Wednesday each month, you will see this admired gentleman sitting in the hallway of Belvedere Elementary visiting with his students in an impeccable business suit, modeling that success is possible when you believe in yourself. He is always one of the first mentors to show up for his visit and most times, one of the last to leave.

In his fourth year as a Goal Buddy mentor, Mr. Steve Wade has directly impacted his elementary Goal Buddies with the care, concern and love that we wish every student in our program could experience. He holds them accountable for their goals while encouraging them to keep pushing beyond their potential.

Mr. Wade has proven time and time again that not only is his service to our youth genuine, he is always looking to make greater impact and always willing to do more, whether it's sponsoring P4K summer workshops, donating to the Belvedere school store or gift cards to benefit students holiday shopping experiences, to supporting the P4K vision and mission, mentor recruiting, and much more. He is so dedicated that he became a member P4K's Board of Directors and has truly stepped up to support all 6,100 students that our organization serves.

At any P4K event, you can be rest assured, that Steve and his wonderful wife Mary Beth will be in attendance looking for more opportunities to contribute back to the P4K mission and vision.

Although I could go on and on about why Steve Wade more than deserves this honor, it is a privilege to have witnessed his dedication for youth with my own eyes. It is an honor to call him a volunteer, friend and one who inspires everyone around him to be better for our future.

Congratulations Mr. Wade, for service beyond our expectation and for being a mentor champion. It is with great honor and privilege to honor you as the P4K Goal Buddy Mentor of the Year.”

Nominated by Elementary Program Manager, Yolanda Williams

### **Melissa Mayo Group Mentor of the Year – Matt Senden**



“Matt is an exemplary P4K mentor. He continually shows his Norris 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys that they are a top priority for him through engaging conversations, fun outings, and near-perfect meeting attendance– Matt has attended twenty out of twenty-one mentoring meetings in the last two school years! Matt goes out of his way to get to know his mentees and to plan activities that they will enjoy. He took them to the Creighton-UNO soccer game this Fall and they had a great time and also learned a little bit about college by being on campus. It’s through fun outings like this that our kids really get to know their mentors better and learn from them by observing them in real-life situations.

Not only does Matt have a great relationship with his four mentees at Norris, he is also a Goal Buddy at Sherman elementary and recruits P4K volunteers in his spare time. 😊 Matt really understands the vision of P4K and is a wonderful advocate for our agency. Thanks Matt for all you do for our students!”

Nominated by Program Coordinator, Jose Almanza

## Neris France Star Mentor Advocate of the Year – Metropolitan Utilities District



We are so incredibly grateful to MUD, our Mentor Advocate Liaison, Cindy Bacon, and to all of the Metropolitan Utilities District Mentors! MUD increased their mentors serving P4K from 7 to 21 this school year including; Book Buddies, Goals Buddies AND Group Mentors! They have mentors supporting the following 9 P4K schools: Jackson, Belvedere, Kellom, Field Club, Skinner, Miller Park, Sherman, Marris and McMillan. They participated in the Midlands Mentoring Partnership Corporate Challenge during National Mentoring Month in which they advocated for the mentoring movement. MUD Mentors went above and beyond by donating toys to Jackson and collecting book donations. MUD also takes the time to celebrate their P4K Mentors by hosting a luncheon to recognize them each year. Thank you, Metropolitan Utilities District, for serving as a Star Advocate and making a huge difference in the lives of young people!

Nominated by Recruitment Coordinator, Deb Shaw