

THE P4K POST

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OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE CHANGING LIVES



Mentor Zach Arter and his mentees. Photos provided by Mentor Nebraska.

At Partnership 4 Kids, our mentors are the driving force behind our students' success. Their dedication and guidance make a profound impact, helping students build confidence, set goals, and achieve their dreams.

This quarter, we're thrilled to recognize five outstanding volunteers whose commitment has truly gone above and beyond.

These honorees represent the heart of our mission and the transformative power of mentorship. Their hard work uplifts individual students and strengthens our entire P4K community.

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Making Impact At Every Level

Our Volunteers of the Quarter

Partnership 4 Kids proudly recognizes five exceptional volunteers for their dedication to empowering our students. Lisa, Zach, Dr. John, David, and Janesha each go above and beyond in their unique roles to inspire and guide our students. From leading engaging group reading sessions to helping students set and achieve ambitious goals, these volunteers are making a lasting impact.

We are so grateful for their support of P4K's mission to empower students from classrooms to careers. Their hard work and enthusiasm make a difference every day.

Congratulations!

Group Book Buddy of the Quarter, Lisa Pierce
Middle School Mentor of the Quarter, Zach Arter
High School Mentor of the Quarter, Dr. John Alspaugh
Goal Buddy of the Quarter, David Manley
Book Buddy of the Quarter, Janesha Givens



High School Mentor, Dr. John



Group Book Buddy, Lisa



Middle School Mentor, Zach



Book Buddy, Janesha



Goal Buddy, David



CEO's Corner

Honored and Inspired

As I reflect on 2024, one of my proudest moments was receiving the Excellence in Community Partner Engagement Award from the Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC). This incredible honor celebrates our 20+ year partnership with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, which has enabled countless young people to achieve dreams they didn't believe were possible.

As I've shared before, **"When nonprofits and higher education walk together, they can create impactful change."**

This award belongs to YOU and all our amazing partners who help P4K transform students' lives, guiding them from classrooms to careers. Thank you for being part of this journey!



*Start earning points
TODAY to save and vote
for P4K Jan-Mar 2025!*

P4K & Target Circle!

Support Us in Q1 2025!

From January 1 through March 31, every Target Circle member will have the opportunity to support P4K just by shopping at Target. This program is a fantastic way to make your everyday purchases count toward making a difference in the lives of local students.

Here's how it works: Sign up for Target Circle (it's free!) at target.com/circle or through the Target app. Enter your information at checkout, in-store OR online!

Every purchase earns votes, and those votes can be cast online or through the Target App, for Partnership 4 Kids. At the end of the campaign, Target will donate a share of its community giving funds based on the votes P4K receives. The more votes we get, the more we see come back to our student-based programming!



Hops & Grapes

Friday, April 25, 2025

A View Westshores

Event Chairs
Nicole & Derek Leathers

Honorary Chairs
Lori & David Scott

With Presenting Sponsor
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For more information, contact Cheryl Murray Kerst
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Make A Difference Before 2025!

As 2024 comes to a close, there's still time to make a lasting impact.

Your gift helps provide students with the resources, mentorship, and support they need to thrive in school and beyond.

Every donation matters, and together, we can start 2025 strong. Give today and help shape brighter futures for our community's next generation.

Donate Today!

www.p4k.org/donate

Venmo Charity:
[@Partnership4Kids](https://www.venmo.com/Partnership4Kids)



Meet A Board Member!

Featured Member of the Month: Dr. Juan Casas



Dr. Juan Casas, Dean for Graduate Studies and Professor of Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, has served on the Partnership 4 Kids (P4K) board for 13 years. As a developmental researcher and child psychologist, he values P4K's approach to youth development, beginning in preschool and continuing through higher education. Dr. Casas finds inspiration in the P4K community—its staff, mentors, board members, and the hardworking students and families. For Dr. Casas, P4K's impact extends from small mentoring groups to the broader community, equipping youth with skills that empower them to become leaders and contributors to societal progress.

His advice to those considering nonprofit work or mentorship?

Commit the time—it's a transformative and deeply rewarding experience.

Juan's Fun Fact!

I collect Don Quixote figurines! They are all different sizes and made from a variety of materials and come from around the world.