

Nebraska-Iowa Key Club

Winter Bulletin



EDITOR'S NOTE

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Hello everyone! This past season has been very exciting for me, as I've been working very hard with the rest of the board for DCON! I am part of the Just Dance workshop, Running for Higher Office workshop, and ICON Info workshop! I'm also on the Event Planning committee, and have been working to create a scavenger hunt, make a decorations list, and plan out how our District Convention will go! Outside of Key Club, I've been competing with my show choir in 3 competitions, performing in our winter choir concert, and studying for school and the ACT! I couldn't remind everyone enough that they should sign up for DCON using our website, or going to our Instagram and using the link in bio! Mentioning Instagram, you should also give our social media a follow, as I've been running it for the past year! We are @neiakeyclub on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook! Overall, I've had an amazing winter, getting to attend our Winter Board Meeting, and I can't wait to see everyone at District Convention!

Governor's ADDRESS

Greetings Nebraska-Iowa!

One of Key Club's main focuses is the cultivation of servant leadership: answering the call to lead, having the heart to serve, and the courage to engage in making a difference. As one of my favorite quotes puts it, "The highest level of leadership is service. The highest level of service is leadership. At the highest level, service and leadership become one." Key Clubbers are not just volunteers, they are also leaders. To take full advantage of all the leadership opportunities Key Club has to offer, we invite you to attend our District Service and Leadership Convention (DCON).

District Service and Leadership Convention is the Nebraska-Iowa District's biggest event, designed to develop essential leadership and service skills that attendees can use to reach their full potential as Key Club servant leaders. Along with attendees from all over Nebraska and Iowa, you will attend workshops, listen to a keynote speaker, participate in a service project, dance, and talent show, win awards for your involvement in Key Club this past year, and elect the next District Board. Led and attended by high school servant leaders, DCON is a unique platform to explore what Key Club has to offer.

To learn more about DCON and how to register, please see page ____ of this bulletin. We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln!

Yours in Service,
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Over the past few months I have primarily been working on social media campaigns and to updating our district website, as well as incorporating our brand guide in all publications and edits. Recently, I have been focused on DCON promotion and creating social media posts to help publicize this. In these upcoming months, I'm hoping to post more frequently, become more active on social media as well as repost some of Key Club International's publications, and continue working on my Distinguished Binder. I'm looking forward to ending this year strong!

As District Secretary, most of my time and energy recently has gone towards District Convention preparations. With the event planning committee, I have been working to incorporate our DCON theme, Candyland, into different aspects of the convention. Additionally, I have been helping plan the Service After High School as well as the Icebreakers workshops.

Finally, this week I will be adding the last few revisions of the DCON booklet before sending it out to print.



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My Key Club

Journey

Hi everyone! My name is Eddie Wei and I serve as the Area 4 Lieutenant Governor. I am currently a junior at Ames High School and this is my third year in Key Club! I am here to share my Key Club journey and how it has changed my life.

During my freshman and sophomore years, I only knew about the club level and always saw my club officers as the extent of someone's leadership in Key Club. I was probably briefed about the District and International levels at some point, but the message never left a mark on me. I brushed away opportunities like Fall Rally and DCON without fully understanding what was in store. This all changed last summer when I was asked to join the board as an At-Large Lieutenant Governor.

When I was first asked, I was hesitant but optimistic. I happily replied "Sure!" and after receiving more information, I was more and more intrigued. I was already actively involved in my home club so I was excited to see the new opportunities I could develop with a position on the district level. I distinctly remember my first conference call with the entire board; I was so excited yet so nervous



Eddie Wei

Lieutenant Governor of Area 4

By October, I had finally gotten comfortable as a district officer– routinely sending out emails, newsletters, and working on my committees. However, just before Halloween, I was moved into a new role: Area 4 Lieutenant Governor. I had known for a while that I would be the replacement to an LTG if they resigned or got removed, but I had never thought about the new responsibilities I would receive as an LTG of an independent area. I now had to revive a dead area that never received attention from the District Board. It was a challenge I didn't expect to face but a challenge I was willing to take.

So for the past several months, I have worked hard to better my board, my clubs and myself! I was able to communicate with my clubs that had never received attention before, collect dues, and have video calls with them. I was able to spark interest among their members and potentially enough to see one or two of them at DCON! I have also developed so many skills that I can use in the real world and make me a better servant leader. And I have, of course, developed friendships with some of the kindest, most hardworking, and fun people I have ever met.

Key Club has been so impactful for me and I hope that it has been for you too! I can't wait to see everyone at DCON, experience ICON this summer, and see how my Key Club journey continues to unfold!

Every day Children's Miracle Network hospitals treat: 16,200 kids with trauma, 935 kids with diabetes, 2,128 kids with cancer, 2,329 kids for surgeries, and 925 babies in the NICU. Children's Miracle Network take pride in keeping funds within the community in which they are raised. They give donations to local hospitals. They know where the need is greatest and decide how that money is best spent. These donations have gone to support research and training, purchase equipment and pay for uncompensated care. When a donation is made online, the donor's postal zip code is entered into their database to locate the Children's Miracle Network Hospital in the donor's community. The donation is sent to that hospital and that hospital acknowledges the donation with a tax receipt. In order to be affiliated with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, each hospital must have a full-time Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' program director who ensures that all funds and programs are administered correctly. Key Club has made the Children's Miracle Network one of its preferred charities since 1997 and has been working hard together in order to make a difference. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District include Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City, and UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's in Sioux City.



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What *Key Club*

means to me

Key Club to me is a community of people who are all passionate about serving others. Key club is a way I have created a positive impact in my community. But, while doing so I've created great bonds of friendship and have found a family with people of all ages. It is one of the most impactful things that has occurred throughout my high school career and I have honored to have the opportunity to play such a big role in shaping the Nebraska-Iowa District.



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Bulletin Editor

To me, Key Club is an opportunity to connect with other people who have the same passion for service as you do. I have met so many amazing people through my experiences with my home club, DCON, being on the District Board, and going to ICON. Not only is it an opportunity to connect, but it's also a way to learn about yourself and how you can become a better service leader for your community.

District Convention



What: Our annual convention filled with fun workshops run by the district board, a dance, a banquet, a scavenger hunt, elections, and awards! It's also a huge opportunity to learn how you can become a service leader in your community!

When: March 20-22nd

Where: Lincoln, Nebraska at the Graduate Hotel

How Much: around \$250



Why: Learn more about Key Club and meet tons of amazing members from your district, while also having fun! This is also your opportunity to be elected to become a member of the District Board, or elect your friends and fellow Key Clubbers!

Club Spotlight

Linn-Mar High School

Linn-Mar High School is a club with around 70 members, and participates in monthly service projects. The club is headed by the officer team which consists of President Alex Drahos, Vice President Isha Kalia, Secretary Kylie Egbert, Treasurer Subhika Rao, Bulletin Editors Elizabeth Low and Sadie Staker, and Webmaster Nisha Raj. This year, the club has served on service project such as making dinner for the Willis Dady Overflow Shelter, putting on the high school's annual variety show and donating profits to a charity, putting on the annual Dance Marathon for the Children's Network Miracle Hospitals, selling roses on Valentine's Day, and making dinner for families staying at the local hospital. A general meeting is held at least once a month, and the officer team meets around every other week to plan for general meetings.



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