

Governor's Greeting

Nebraska-Iowa District

Hello, Nebraska-Iowa Key Club,

My name is Lilly Frideres, and it is both an honor and a privilege to introduce myself as your 2025–2026 District Governor! Key Club is not just an organization; it's a family of passionate, driven leaders dedicated to making a difference in the world. Through our shared values of service, leadership, and making a positive impact, we have the power to transform our communities and inspire change that lasts. I am incredibly excited for what lies ahead and can't wait to see the amazing things we will accomplish together this year. When we unite through service, there is truly nothing we can't achieve. Let's make this year unforgettable!

Yours in friendship and service,

Lilly Frideres

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Governor's Goals

As Governor of the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District, I am dedicated to strengthening our district at all levels of Key Club: club, district, and international. As the new school year begins, I have outlined several goals that will help our district to grow in another year of service and leadership.



District Growth and Participation

I aim to recharter and charter four new clubs in both Nebraska and Iowa, increasing membership to 2,000 members. We will encourage inner-club connections by having Key Club members attend Kiwanis meetings, building stronger partnerships, and encouraging Kiwanis to support the development of Key Clubs. To re-engage inactive clubs, we will personally reach out to their advisors, offering support and guidance to help them become active again. Additionally, we are introducing the concept of "sister clubs." Nearby Key Clubs will be paired together and encouraged to collaborate on meetings, events, or service projects. Promoting attendance at district events will also be a key focus. To make these events more accessible, we will create club fundraising guides to help clubs raise the necessary funds for event participation. Additionally, we'll highlight various scholarships offered by Key Club International and Kiwanis, ensuring that members are aware of the opportunities available to them.

District Connections

This year, I am committed to strengthening the bond within our district. The Lieutenant Governors will host three online divisional council meetings, allowing members to interact directly with the district board and engage with others in their area. To keep members more informed and involved, we will include the executive board in our monthly newsletters, offering a closer look at the work being done behind the scenes. The At-Large Lieutenant Governors will also share information about their state, ensuring that members in both states feel connected. Building on last year's success of incorporating club members into our district committees, we will continue to encourage more members to serve in these roles. By doing so, members have the opportunity to share their ideas on district projects and gain insight on what it's like to serve on the district board. New this year, our district is excited to introduce a leadership weekend called Unlocked, taking place later this fall. This event will bring together both Key Club members and non-members to collaborate and grow through engaging leadership experiences.

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International Involvement

One of my primary goals is to ensure that our district's voice is heard on the international level. Through outreach and promotion, I aim to have at least one member serve on an international committee, while also increasing our district's participation in international events. To further this mission, we will encourage club officers and members to pursue the Global Leadership Certificate (GLC) and apply for the Master GLC program at the international convention, empowering leadership development and strengthening our global presence.

Governor's Project

This year, I'm thrilled to partner with the Thirst Project for my Governor's Project! The Thirst Project is one of Key Club International's preferred charities. They are dedicated to ending the global water crisis by building freshwater wells in communities that lack access to safe, clean drinking water. To support this life-changing mission, our clubs will be fundraising throughout the year. We're also challenging every single club to host a Water Walk: a 3.75-mile walk representing the average distance women and children must travel daily to collect clean water. Our district fundraising goal is \$2,000 to help end the global water crisis. Every \$25 you raise gives one person clean water for life!

Thank You!

I am beyond excited for this upcoming year with all of you! As the school year and Key Club activities kick off, I wish you all the best and can't wait to see the incredible work we'll do together. Thank you for taking the time to check out my goals for our district. I am truly excited about the growth and progress we will make together. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time!

