

UW-La Crosse Golden Key International Honors Society

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Golden Days

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Golden Key is busy in the Spring of 2011! The University's Golden Key Chapter has already been greatly involved in the community and is excited to continue to exert a positive influence on the community and the UW-L's students. The Chapter has already participated in events at the Bethany Nursing Home, the regional Golden Key Conference in Wisconsin Dells and has elected new officers!

The UW-La Crosse Chapter of the Golden Key (GK) International Honour Society held its New Member Recognition/Induction ceremony on Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Valhalla. Cecilia Manrique, Political Science/Public Administration, chapter co-advisor and International Leadership Council President delivered the Greetings from GK headquarters. Carla Burkhardt, College of Science and Health, chapter co-advisor, introduced the GK officers. Five new Honorary Members (HMs) were inducted and some of them are pictured below with Chancellor Joe Gow who delivered the Welcome for the University, Carla and Cecilia:



Left to right front to back: Sarah Slayton (new Honorary Member who gave the keynote address); Cecilia Manrique, Amanda Goodenough (new) Wayne Jacobson (previously inducted Honorary Member), Carla Burkhardt, Chancellor Gow and Todd Ondell (new). Two new HMs, Greg Reichert and Matt Vogel, did not make it to the ceremony.

Meet the Newly Elected G.K. Officers!

President Kelly Reed -

Major/Minor - Nursing/Nutrition
University level - Senior
Hobbies/Interests - Family, friends, volunteering, baking, exercising, playing and watching sports

Vice President Sarah Hegranes -

Major/Minor - Nursing (UW - Madison)
University level - Senior
Hobbies/Interests - Volleyball, photography, movies

Treasurer Diane Brien -

Major/Minor - Accounting/Spanish
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Travelling, exercise, tennis, shopping

Recording Secretary Molly Meinen -

Major/Minor - Biochemistry and Biology with a Biomedical Science Concentration
University level - Senior
Hobbies/Interests - Running, reading

Corresponding Secretary Michelle Neabling -

Major/Minor - Biology/Chemistry
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Music, Friends

VP of Publicity Jihel Ritterling -

Major/Minor - International Business and Finance/
Music minor
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Travelling, baking, violin, guitar

Historian Emily Edon -

Major/Minor - Accounting/Spanish
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Caving, kayaking, reading

Newsletter Editor/Concepts Dillon Mader -

Major/Minor - Spanish and English Education/French
University level - Sophomore
Hobbies/Interests - Bicycling, skateboarding, yoga, nutrition, movies, reading, languages

Webmaster Hoang Vo -

Major/Minor - Information Systems and Finance
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Aikido, cooking, web-designing, programming, student government, music

Honorary Member/Alum. Liaison Julia McCune -

Major/Minor - Spanish/TEFL
University level - Super Senior
Hobbies/Interests - Singing, dancing (ballet), cooking, enjoying the beach

Honorary Member/Alum. Marcus Buchholz -

Major/Minor - Accounting and Finance
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Playing sports, Badgers

Educational Project Coordinator Kris Peterson -

Major/Minor - Accounting and Finance
University level - Senior
Hobbies/Interests - Rugby, travelling, outdoors, reading

Educational Project Coordinator Erin Fraundorf -

Major/Minor - Biochemistry and Biology/Biomedical, Spanish, Pre-Dentistry
University level - Senior
Hobbies/Interests - Painting, running, experiencing the Hispanic culture

Officer at Large Katie Braun -

Major/Minor - Marketing/Information Systems
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Music, Friends

Officer at Large Da Bin Won -

Major/Minor - Finance and Accounting
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Watching movies, reading, travelling

Pop Top Coordinator Erin Johnson -

Major/Minor - Exercise and Sports Science/Pre - Physical Therapy Major
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Music, exercise, time with friends

Comm. Service Coordinator David Schmenz -

Major/Minor - Biology (Biomedicine)/Chemistry
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Sports, nutrition, dancing, chess

Comm. Service Coordinator Alyssa Ryan -

Major/Minor - Marketing/Organizational and Professional Communication
University level - Junior
Hobbies/Interests - Hunting, travelling, running, outdoors



Valentine's Day Cards

The University of Wisconsin - La Crosse's Golden Key Chapter was able to have a direct interaction with the members of the Bethany Nursing Home on Cass in February. The members of Golden Key all participated in a Valentine's Day card creation process in which numerous beautifully decorated cards were designed with Valentine's stickers, colorful construction paper, markers and a bit of artistic talent. On the fourteenth of February, the cards were distributed to the residents of the Bethany facility, truly brightening the days of all of these residents. The Golden Key Chapter at UW-L was fortunate to have this opportunity to benefit members of the community who enjoy interacting with younger generations.



Wisconsin Dells Conference

The Golden Key Chapter at UW-L attended the Golden Key regional conference April 8-10 in Wisconsin Dells, allowing the members in attendance to gain valuable knowledge about Golden Key, its mission, and its opportunities as well as strengthen interchapter and intrachapter relationships. The UW-L Chapter attended multiple meetings in order to accomplish multiple goals such as gaining general G.K. awareness, marketing for G.K., developing volunteer service projects, planning interclub coordination, graduate school mapping, refining individual officer positions, hosting book drives and earning scholarships. In addition to these various workshops hosted by G.K. members and staff, the chapters were able to hear from multiple powerful speakers on leadership and respect. Also, the Chapter participated in a hands-on construction activity that also helped generate canned foods for local food pantries for families in need. Golden Key Chapters from various states throughout the region constructed arbitrary symbols, shapes and figures from canned and boxed goods that were previously collected by Golden Key's members. The members amassed the cans used in "Construction" from Golden Key members themselves, which in total allowed for a great can-struction event. The project proved to be an enormous success as the Chapter was able to construct the UW-L notorious clock tower from boxes and cans and it was later judged in a competition against the others chapters present. The UW-L Chapter was able to earn second place among the eight chapters at the event, only trailing one chapter that had constructed a key from their donations.

In addition to these formal workshops, team-building exercises and general speakers, the members were able to have some pure fun! Members who attended the conference in Wisconsin Dells stayed at the Great Wolf Lodge, a resort that boasts an enormous quantity of water attractions. The Chapter strengthened bonds between the intra-chapter and inter-chapter members by tearing down water slides and enjoying themselves in the pool! The members also were able to enjoy some delicious foods provided by Buffalo Phil's near the resort!



David Schimenz presenting G.K. service projects

Bingo Night

The Golden Key Society at UW-L also was able to have a fantastic opportunity to have an additional direct influence upon the residents at the Bethany Nursing Facility on Cass Street. Members reunited on campus on March 21st and traveled to the local nursing facility. The members were able to speak with and have fun with the elderly residents for two hours, getting to know all of the residents personally. The Chapter's members played bingo with these individuals, allowing the residents to have personal contact with the bordering university's students, then all of the participants ate cookies and talked with each other. Golden Key's members not only were able to feel the satisfaction of brightening their evenings but also were able to simply have fun and meet new people.



Kindergarten Karnival

The UW-L Golden Key Chapter has recently been able to host the Kindergarten Karnival at the Eagle Bluff Elementary School! The Chapter's members were dispatched to this elementary school April 2nd for the entire day in order to participate in their annual Kindergarten Karnival. The event is entirely fun-based and involves multiple activities to allow the younger students of the Eagle Bluff in Onalaska to bond with university students. Golden Key members played games and did fun learning activities with the children such as... Overall, the day was a huge success as both the younger elementary students and the university students were able to have fun, establish new friends and gain valuable knowledge!



G.K. Information Night and Membership Table





Cecilia G. Manrique Pictured Left

Cecilia G. Manrique, Professor and Chair of the Political Science/Public Administration Department completed the first year of her second three year term as President of the International Leadership Council of the Golden Key International Honour Society. As such she attended the Board of Directors meeting and International Summit held in Scottsdale Arizona from July 13-18. She opened and closed the international conference and together with Carla Burkhardt and student officers, Molly Meinen and Michelle Neabling (shown below), presented a showcase project consisting of the UW-L chapter's work with KinderKarnival and Battle for the Books. The chapter again won Gold Chapter Award based on their completion of various leadership, academic and service standards. And UW-La Crosse has been chosen to serve as one of five campuses to host the regional summit on April 1-3, 2011.



G.K. Wisconsin Dells Conference



Involvement Fest 2010



Officer Retreat and Bonding!

We will make up any excuse to have supper at the Manrique's. Therefore, it has become a tradition to hold our annual Golden Key Officer Retreat at the Manrique home each September. This year, eight students gathered on Sunday, Sept 5 and, besides enjoying a great meal, made plans for this year in Golden Key. We viewed a webinar presentation developed by the Golden Key headquarters that covered a number of aspects of becoming a chapter officer in Golden Key. Ideas for activities were generated along with some dates and times for events. After a hard night's work, the gang watched a couple of episodes of Bridezilla before crawling in their sleeping bags.



South Africa Video Discussion

In November of 2010, Golden Key also hosted a discussion between a Political Science African Government course and Politics course composed of students in South Africa from different departments, Economics, Accounting, Political Science, etc. The South African students were put together by the University of Pretoria Golden Key Advisor and a good friend of Cecilia Manrique, Mia Badenhorst. It was final exam time and she was hoping to get 15 students. We ended up with 8 from her end but that was good because everyone wanted to talk. Aside from the Political Science students we had about 4 UW-L Golden Key members participate as well.

The goal of the meeting was not only to encourage interchapter and international discussions, but also to have Political Science students raise questions and issues with students from the South Africa, a country largely isolated from most American, especially Mid-west, viewpoints. They all formulated three questions which they posted on D2L a few days before the session.

How successful was it? All parties were in agreement that it was a very successful meeting. My students agreed that it seems the South Africans knew a lot about American politics and asked about the results of the elections. They learned that South African students speak an average of three languages each. Their responses in the Facebook discussion on the South African experience was very positive. Mia provided me with the same feedback from her end. The Golden Key members also felt very satisfied, knowing that they had been able to communicate with a G.K. chapter in South Africa, and gain a new perspective.





Can-struction of the UW-L Clocktower



Chapter members during G.K. presentations



Honorary Member Breakfast



UW-L 100 Dinner





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