

# GOLDEN DAYS

UW-La Crosse Golden Key International Honour Society

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Carla Burkhardt; Cecilia Manrique, current ILC President; Bill Asbury, former ILC President from Penn State University; Kimberly Holte, Chelsea Simon, and Ashley Ryan; former UW-L student who transferred to UW-Madison, at the 2007 International Conference



## THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

The Golden Key International Honour Society, which was founded by two enterprising college students in 1977, is an academic honor society which recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence among college and university students from all academic disciplines. Since its founding 30 years ago, Golden Key has emerged as one of the most dynamic, forward-thinking organizations in higher education. To date the Society's on-campus presence has reached over 350 campuses in seven countries including Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is proud to have had a chapter on campus since 1992.

From August 1-5, 2007 four members of Golden Key, 2 advisors and 2 officers, joined almost 500 delegates in Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Carla Burkhardt, Cecilia Manrique, Kimberly Holte and Chelsea Simon attended the International Conference which brought several prestigious awards and recognition to the UWL Chapter of Golden Key. Cecilia, as President of

the International Leadership Council, opened and closed the conference and played major roles in the various events as well as received a plaque for 15 years of service as an advisor. The UWL chapter received recognition for reaching the GOLD standard among chapters. Former UWL chapter Vice-President Craig Tainter received one of the 12 \$10,000 Golden Key Graduate Scholar Awards, the first time it has been won by a UWL student. And last but not least two articles written by former Newsletter Editor Stacy Blang entitled "Eyeglasses Project Makes A Difference Around the World" and "Destructive Behavior" were published in Concepts Magazine. The chapter did shine at this international conference and we hope to do so again next year in New Orleans.



## 2007 OFFICER INTRODUCTION PROFILES



Jackie Hjortness is a junior from Neenah, Wisconsin. She is double majoring in biology and pre-physical therapy and in the future plans to go to grad school for physical therapy. She joined Golden Key for the volunteer opportunities and is this year's corresponding secretary. In her free time, Jackie enjoys cooking, soccer, traveling, theater, and scrapbooking. Last summer, Jackie and her family went on vacation and went whale watching.



Kim Holte is a senior originally from La Crosse, Wisconsin. She is pursuing majors in both accounting and finance. Starting in January, Kim will be doing an internship and then will graduate in December 2008. This year's VP of Publicity, Kim joined Golden Key in order to get involved on campus and for the volunteering opportunities that Golden Key has to offer. Kim enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She says that her family is really close and that they have a blast together.



Katelyn Carlson is an education major and a math minor. She is a senior from Rochester, Minnesota who plans to be a middle school math teacher and coach volleyball or basketball. Katelyn enjoys being active, playing sports, and hanging out with friends. She is on the UW-La Crosse volleyball team and says, "Go Eagles!" She also loves watermelon and cooking. Katelyn is the co-literacy coordinator and joined Golden Key because she wanted to get involved and volunteer.



Elizabeth Rindahl is a senior who originally hails from Arcadia, Wisconsin. She is a finance major and a public relations minor. After graduating this spring, Elizabeth plans on working for the Kohler Company. She joined Golden Key for the volunteering opportunities it has to offer. As this year's historian, Elizabeth is responsible for organizing and documenting the chapter's activities. In her free time, she enjoys running, camping, and spending time with her friends and family.

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## PROFILES CONTINUED



Volodymyr Valkov is a junior who is majoring in political science. Volodymyr, or "Vlad" for short, is originally from Lviv, Ukraine. He was born on August 24th, which is also Ukraine's Independence Day. Vlad is the 2007-2008 Golden Key president and joined to hone his leadership skills and also to work with a team of motivated and enthusiastic people. In his free time, he enjoys videography/ photography, literature, and swimming. Vlad also says he is an independent person by nature.



Laura Gehrke is a senior who is from Rochester, Minnesota. She is majoring in international management and will graduate in May. In the future, Laura, this year's co-community service coordinator, would like to get a job working for an international company in Milwaukee or Minneapolis. She loves Latin American culture and would enjoy living somewhere warm someday. Laura also enjoys summer when she can waterski, boat, and wakeboard.



Nate Kosher is a senior majoring in public relations and minor-ing in professional writing. He is originally from Cornell, Wisconsin. After graduating in May, he hopes to pursue a public relations career in the professional sports field. He is this year's newsletter editor and joined Golden Key for its volunteering opportunities. In his free, Nate enjoys following sports, watching movies, and spending time with friends and family.



Elizabeth Slupski is a management and Spanish major. She is a senior from Greendale, Wisconsin. After graduating, she plans on going to grad school. Elizabeth is the 2007-2008 webmaster and joined Golden Key because it's an internationally recognized organization. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor activities, movies, and reading. She also is a twin and has traveled to Costa Rica, Argentina, and Europe.



Krysten Kirsch is originally from Slinger, Wisconsin. She is a junior majoring in recreation management and minor-ing in German, and inclusive recreation. In the future, she would like for a city park and recreation department and travel the world. This year's honorary member liaison, Krysten joined Golden Key to show her commitment to involvement and volunteering in the community. Krysten enjoys traveling, running, playing volleyball, watching movies, and getting coffee. She is also a resident assistant in Trowbridge Hall

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The logo for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, featuring the letters "UW-L" in white on a maroon rectangular background.

## UPCOMING GOLDEN EVENTS

### OCTOBER

*October 31st*

Trick or Treating for cans

5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Wear your scariest costume!

### NOVEMBER

*November 2nd*

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

3:00 pm-6:00 pm

*November 4th*

Induction Ceremony

Valhalla 2:00 pm

### NOVEMBER

**(continued)**

*November 9th*

Rotary Lights set-up

Riverside Park

9:00 am-3:00 pm

*November 13th*

General Meeting

Cartwright Center

Ward Room 6:30 pm

## 2007-2008 CHAPTER GOALS

- Go for the gold!
- Increase alumni officer involvement
- Increase general member involvement
- Increase networking (via honorary members and community activities)