



International Board Q&A

**Want to get to know your 2013-2014 Key Club International Board a bit better?
We asked the board members a few questions. Here are their responses.**

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT **RAEFORD PENNY**



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

I hope to bring to the members, just as we are attempting this year, to bring their experiences and voice to the international level. I hope to meet as many of the Key Clubbers as I possibly can and have their passion for the organization and service rub off on me as I move on to the next chapter in my life.

What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

In the beginning of my Key Club days, our club was sadly a dying one. We had a membership of six, all members of the school's track and cross country team. This was the main reason I join in the beginning, because everyone on the team that I looked up to as an underclassman was a member. However, something changed, the new officer corps along with the new underclassmen wanted to change the club, to make it worthy of bearing the Key Club name. With our new faculty advisor we worked hard to increase our membership, complete new service projects, and get involved with the organization as a whole. At that year's DCON, our club was honored with the Capital District Key Club of the year award.

How do you envision Key Club in 10 years?

I envision Key Club to be an organization that is not only larger in size, but larger in its spirit and impact. I believe that if we can grow from within, or to increase our service hours, fundraised amounts, etc it means more than having an increase of the membership number. I envision that it is a group of 400,000+ high school that all actively participate in service, but also at all levels of our organization.

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

I would say the being a member of the I-board has opened my eyes to the world around me. I see the world, and the effects of our actions in a different way. Yet, I like to see myself as the same person, as I just as all of you, are members of Key Club, and I am no more special and my opinion means no more than yours.

What is your favorite Key Club memory?

My favorite memory is one that is ongoing at our school. We are a club with a majority of underclassmen who want to get involved with their homes, schools, and communities. Not only are they truly passionate about community service, but they want to build their character and develop their leadership further. They want to change the world one step at a time, while leaving those future generations with the tools to change it even more. The growth of myself as a person, has been parallel with the growth of our club, and I'm proud to call them my home club.

If you had a GOLDEN ticket to be anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Hong Kong, I really enjoy visiting one the financial capitals of the world. It is an amazing city, with a never ending list of things of things to do. Plus flying in to its airport is an experience on its own!

What is the GOLDEN legacy that you want to leave behind through your position?

One year is a short time to change an organization, yet alone the world. As we all wish to make the most change we can, we all realize that our time in Key Club is short. One of the biggest things I wish to do is to prepare our organization for future growth and impact later five, ten years down the road. I hope that the change that we as the I-Board and members leave behind this year will affect the organization in countless positive ways for the years to come.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

Outside of Key Club I am active in my school as well as sports. I run track year around, sprints that is, and enjoy every moment of it! I love to serve my school and my community, fostering the ideals that Key Club has allowed me to poses, and am currently serving as the NHS President, Vice Chairman of the Honor Council, as well as Hispanic Alliance treasurer. Outside of this, I have a liking toward watching movies, from the classic Clint Eastwoods, to the modern James Bonds.

What is your favorite service project?

The Kiwanis motto is "Serving the children of the world" and I envision the all Key Clubbers as being proud proponents of this. Education at a young age is a necessary building block to being a successful citizen of the twenty-first century. Tutoring and mentoring of the youth from citizen leaders inspires and forms character as well as leadership while developing a passion for education in the youth. Through this we can offer a unique opportunity to educate and motivate the youth, allowing them to discover the potentials which they have never realized they possess. We want the future generations to have the ability as well as the tools to change the world in more ways than we were able to. It introduces Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Family to a new group of constituents who would be more inclined to join, volunteer, or donate to Kiwanis, helping us help the world. And in turn, the children would be more likely to join Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs.

Any advice for any officers or members?

Take any opportunity and challenge head on. Your time in Key Club and subsequently high school is short, embrace every moment, and make the greatest impact you can.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

If Key Club is something that you love, something that you breath, and something that lives within you, then by all means run for office, because whether you win or lose, the friends and experiences gained along the ride will last a lifetime.

Since ICON is going to be at the Happiest Place on Earth... what is your favorite Disney movie and why?

Mulan! There is something, that I cannot put my finger on, keeps that movie repeating in my head. The soundtrack and characters are so memorable!



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **ALBERTO BERRIZBEITIA**



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

I wish to bring excitement, passion for service, and the feeling of family, love, and acceptance through all Key Clubbers no matter what district they come from. We are all one big ohana, and as Lilo Pelekai most famously put it, "Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."

What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

In all honesty, I joined Key Club due to several factors. For one, it seemed like an awesome club which was dedicated to service only. There was also my mom, which absolutely loved the idea. Then having something on my professional resume was also very nice. What sealed the deal for me, however, was that the girl my best friend and I liked at the time joined Key Club... so we both HAD to join! As a matter of fact, my best friend's family moved the following summer to none other than Los Angeles, California to attend Garden Grove High School. He has told me a lot about the Key Club experience on the west coast and how everyone feels fine all of the time. My love for Key Club and my reasons for growing in the organization changed as the years went by, of course, but knowing that my friend and I share feeling oh-so good no matter which coast we live on reassures me that I made the right choice in becoming a part of Key Club International.

If you had a GOLDEN ticket to be anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Kind of cliché if I might say so myself, but I would love to visit Tokyo. I love big cities and I love all the different experiences they offer. Plus, I could even visit the most magical place in the far east!

What is the GOLDEN legacy that you want to leave behind through your position?

That anything can be accomplished, no matter your background, your religion, your culture, your education, or even your looks. Everyone is human. Everyone is full of imperfections. Everyone is beautiful inside and out. Everyone is unique in their own special way. Be you at all times and be happy of who you are. Show the world that no one can bring you down. Be confident in yourself. Be proud. Be loud. Be the Key Clubber that you are.

Any advice for any officers or members?

Always stay on top of your work. Although you probably hear this on a day-to-day basis, if you want to be successful at whatever you set your heart and mind to, you need to stay focused and follow the "right" path. The "right" path for you may be a narrow road littered with curves, steep slopes, and rocky bumps, but as long as you stay on your personal "right" path - where the end goal remains in sight at all times - you can achieve just about anything. Believe in yourself. There will be time for school, time for Key Club, time for friends, and even time for you; how you decide to manage this time is up to no one else but you. As Walt Disney once said "It's kind of fun to do the impossible." Never set limits to yourself - you are golden.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

You will honestly be a nervous wreck at times, but you will be going through an unforgettable experience that will change your life forever. However, please make sure to not pre-campaign... at all! Pre-campaigning counts as FaceBook messages or any form of communication whatsoever to people from different districts. Also, get your campaign team together right after District Convention and start working on your speeches and flyer as soon as possible! Make sure to be captivating, unique, and well-knowledged; never walk-around a question, never use cliches, and never be monotone - always add fluctuations to your speeches! Lastly, make sure you follow graphic standards at all times. You represent the organization and your arrangement of the design elements reflects how much knowledge you have of the organization's graphic standards. Other than these tips, please make sure to have fun!



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **ROSHNI CHANDWANI**



What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

I joined Key Club my freshman year because at the time, it was the only community service organization at my school. Coincidentally, it was also the largest club at my school! I went to my first meeting, and I didn't really understand what was happening. I didn't know that Key Club was an international organization; I figured my club had just made up the pledge by themselves. However, I soon found out that I was completely wrong. The large-scale enthusiasm and passion that I found in Key Clubbers across my home district and the rest of International completely changed my outlook and understanding of Key Club.

What is your favorite Key Club memory?

My favorite Key Club memory is my first District Convention my freshman year. I enjoyed every minute from the Opening Session to the Farewell breakfast. I met some amazing people at District Convention: people I still talk to on a regular basis. But more importantly, Key Club changed from a community service organization to a way of life filled with unforgettable memories, amazing volunteer experiences, and a profound depth.

What is the GOLDEN legacy that you want to leave behind through your position?

I think it's really important for the International Board to be extremely approachable. I want my districts to feel like they can ask me anything at any time and that they can really utilize the International Board as a resource. I really hope that the Trustees in the years to come always understand that the I-Board's main goal is to help out members, clubs, and district boards. In terms of International Policies, I really want to update campaigning policies so that they're much more clear in terms of social media and other new mediums of technology.

What is your favorite service project?

My favorite service project is tutoring elementary school students at a nearby daycare called Kids R Kids. My club used to send two volunteers every day after school to help these kids with their homework and anything else they wanted to talk about. Honestly, those kids are some of the funniest and most down-to-earth people I've met. And there's really nothing like reliving your childhood by playing hide-and-seek outside again.

Any advice for any officers or members?

Never be afraid to contact your Lieutenant Governor, District Staff, or International Trustee! The main purpose for all of these positions is to do whatever they can to help you out. Whether it's questions on the Youth Opportunities Fund or help with planning a fundraiser for Eliminate, feel free to ask anyone for resources and advice. Also, utilize the Key Club International website and your district website as much as possible. Both sources have amazing resources that can help your club out.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

No matter what position you run for, whether it's a Class Representative for your club or International President, I think it's extremely important for you to be passionate about the role and responsibilities of that specific job. Before you think about running, research what your duties would be and talk to the person that currently holds the position. Make sure you have time to do the job and that you will be committed to your position for the entire year. And finally, don't worry or be stressed! Take time to develop your platform, and prepare your speeches for DCON or ICON well in advance.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE RENISHA DALEY



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

New ideas, fun and just different ways we can all enjoy ourselves in Anaheim.

What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

First I joined Key Club because it was a school requirement, then I realized what Key Club was all about and it was exactly what I was looking for. I saw that Key Club is a club that enables me to give of myself and that's what I love doing, giving back to my home school and community basically. So I stayed and now here I am.

What is your favorite Key Club memory?

In ten years I envision Key Club with over 1 million members worldwide, expanding to more countries and on a next Global Campaign similar to the ELIMINATE Project and also probably an expansion or decrease in the I-Board, depending on the amount of districts. I also envision Key Club being more world renowned and that it's a family tradition passed onto other family members so generations after generations will join Key Club and continue giving service.

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

Being on the International Board has changed my life in that I am able to interact more with persons from a different country so I'm getting to understand them more and to a wider extent more of my Districts as I now know some more American Terminologies. Also it has enabled to gain knowledge of different culture as all three of my districts assigned are very different.

If you had a GOLDEN ticket to be anywhere in the world, where would it be?

It would be Paris.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

I like to cook, hang out with friends, sleep and read.

What is your favorite service project?

A project done at St. Andrew Care Center, where the boys off the street would be taken and be given the privilege to attend in preparation for placing them in a good school. We taught them about hygiene and donated computers and also painted and redecorated their classrooms. These boys and young men were very responsive to our efforts and did their best in schools and took all the lessons that we gave them to do better with themselves. They really did make us proud.

Any advice for any officers or members?

Officers (Especially for the Secretaries), I know you must have heard how vital your role is, but it really is. You are the backbone of your club as you fulfill many admin duties where recording taking and updating is concerned. Your job may get stressing at times but just relax a little. All you need to do is be VERY organized and your job will be a breeze.

Members- You realize that you are apart of a wonderful organization and as such you should take advantage of this opportunity while you have it. You are in a position to make a lot of changes in another persons life and to an extent the world. Make the best of your key club years and stay in contact with friends made along the way cause you don't know what the future stores. Lastly have fun!"

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

First please do a sled survey and see if you will be able to do all that you are signing up for. And do it for the right reasons and not because it will look good on a college application. Then just to ensure they file all documents before the due dates and make sure they have all the needed signatures. When developing platforms and your goals please think of realistic and maybe catchy. NO PRE-campaigning cause that's one of the easiest ways you can be penalized and even drop out of the running for any district or international position. Next when it's time for caucusing just be calm, even if you mess up it will be ok. Just remember to breathe and drink water in your breaks. Do not be intimidated by other candidates, you can do it! Lastly and most importantly, if you didn't get the position just remember everything happens for a reason. You may feel sad, but maybe not getting the position is opening new doors for you in some other aspect of your life so always be on the look out! GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!

Since ICON is going to be at the Happiest Place on Earth, what is your favorite Disney movie and why?

My favourite Disney Movie is Mulan. This is because I believe Mulan is so courageous and brave in what she did to save her father. She did it knowing the risks of what could happen if anyone found out but yet still she continued bravely doing what she could to save not only her father but her country. And she is beautiful.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **KELSIE HOPPE**



What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

I honestly joined Key Club just do have opportunities to do organized community service, because I thought that that was all the club was. However, as you probably already know, Key Club does so much than JUST community service...we genuinely make a difference. The more I got to know about Key Club, the more I wanted to get involved. The members of this organization are what make it so unique and amazing, and probably one of the main reasons I stayed. We are one big family!

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

Being on the International Board has had such a positive impact on my life. Although it has been stressful at times, it is completely worth it. I have met so many amazing people that have already changed me, in a good way. I still can't believe I have the chance to represent one of the world's best organizations.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

I enjoy spending time outside, despite the constant coastal rain. I'm really into going on hikes and things like that. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

What is your favorite service project?

My club does a project around christmas time for our local foster children, where we wrap presents that the community donated for them. After we wrap them, we take the gifts to a huge dinner where Santa presents the children with their gifts. The reactions of kids receiving a present that they really wanted, that they wouldn't have originally been able to get, is extremely touching. We also work very closely with our sponsoring Kiwanis to put on the dinner, so it's a great K-family bonding experience.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

If you believe you have something positive to bring to your district/international, then by all means, go for it! Make sure that you prepare yourself ahead of time...that is truly key to running a smooth election. Regardless of what happens when you run, always remember what this organization is about: service. No matter if you win or lose, we are all here to make the world a better place. The best part of that goal is that we are able to do it at any level.

Since ICON is going to be at the Happiest Place on Earth, what is your favorite Disney movie and why?

Wow this is a tough one...I would have to say Hercules! I loved Disney growing up, but this was the movie I probably watched the most. It's really clever and I love the characters, but it also sends a good message about what a true hero is. You don't need special super powers to be considered a hero, it's something that is inside of people.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **AVERY HITCHCOCK**



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

I hope to encourage education of our great organization and charities associated with Key Club, as well as being a smiling face for any member to come and befriend while at ICON 2014!

What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

When I was in middle school, I was a member of my school's Builders Club. I liked doing the service, and being a more active, involved member of my community. When I transferred schools to begin my high school at my new school, I knew I wanted to meet some of the best people in my school - the ones dedicated to doing what they could to making the world a better place. So when I found out my school had a Key Club, I didn't hesitate to sign up, and I've been an active member ever since!

How do you envision Key Club in 10 years?

Hopefully, Key Club will stay true to its roots in community service but continue to evolve so that it stays modern and continues to grow in membership.

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

Not only have I learned a lot more about how our organization runs, I've learned more about myself, my leadership style, and what I can do to be the best person I can be. I've made some friends that are basically like family, became more responsible, and have really learned how to appreciate each and every day due to the amazing people in my life that I know I can rely on.

What is your favorite Key Club memory?

Hearing my name called at the closing ceremonies when they were announcing the newly elected International Trustees has to be my favorite Key Club memory. Being an International Trustee has taught me so much and allowed me to add so many members to my Key Club family; I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity.

If you had a GOLDEN ticket to be anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Italy. Everywhere in Italy - I can't wait to visit there one day. I love everything about Italy - its food, its people, its language and culture.

What is the GOLDEN legacy that you want to leave behind through your position?

A caring soul is all you need to do a good job in any leadership position you're in. If you genuinely care about others, that gives you the motivation needed to accomplish anything, and learn anything needed, to be successful. I just want to be remembered for being a friend to all the members, not only of my districts, but of our entire organization.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

There's life outside of Key Club? What is this craziness! Actually, there's quite a lot. I like being involved with student council and National Honor Society, I love hanging with friends, and really like working at the Olive Garden as a host. I also enjoy reading, playing my instruments, writing, watching Netflix, and drinking some Starbucks!

What is your favorite service project?

I know how cheesy this sounds, but I don't really have one. I feel like anything that is done to help make our world a better place is equally amazing in my book.

Any advice for any officers or members?

Enjoy your time in Key Club. Take advantage of all the opportunities you have to connect with other people at rallies and conferences/conventions. Some of the best friends I have live miles and miles away from me, and I would have never met them if it wasn't for Key Club.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

Make sure you have the time and motivation to devote to the position. Don't do it unless you have a very strong passion for Key Club and all it represents! And enjoy your term - your fellow board members will become lifelong friends! Don't take a single second of it for granted!

Since ICON is going to be at the Happiest Place on Earth... what is your favorite Disney movie and why?

The Beauty and the Beast, just because I think the story line is beautiful - the whole "not judging a book by its cover" idea.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **CASEY O'NEILL**



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

I hope that Anaheim can bring the extraordinary to the unexpected. Cali-Nev-Ha is in charge of ICON, say whaaaat?! This is going to be EPIC. I hope that within the chaos and uncertainty, I can be a guide to serenity and fun.

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

Being on the International Board has most definitely changed my life for the better. Not only am I seen as a person who has a huge responsibility to others, but I see myself as a better person. I've learned humility, service, and love all over again within the first two months of being elected. I can't wait to see what the next 9 months have in store.

What is the GOLDEN legacy that you want to leave behind through your position?

I want others to be inspired to be the best person they can be.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

I love to bike, make ceramics, read and dance.

What is your favorite service project?

My favorite service project is a Golfapalooza Tournament that my city was in charge of. Key Clubbers got to go around with random participants and help them keep score, and just ask if they needed anything. Golfing (obviously) occurs early in the morning, so it was nice to get out bright and early to enjoy the fresh air.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

Good luck, and don't let what others say cloud what your goal is. Be yourself, that is why the crowd will love you the most. You are running to be the face of the District/International Board. And remember to SMILE!

Since ICON is going to be at the Happiest Place on Earth, what is your favorite Disney movie and why?

POCAHONTAS BECAUSE SHE IS GOD. She is beautiful and doesn't wear shoes at all, and she loves nature and sees people for who they really are. I literally wish I was her. I am in love with her.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **MADISON KEMKER**



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

I want every member and officer to feel the passion and love for Key Club and service I do. We really do make a difference. We really do change the world. We really do save babies! Sometimes it is difficult to imagine yourself, just a high school student, making such a large impact. YOU DO.

If you had a GOLDEN ticket to be anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Anywhere? FIJI! If I could hit up Fiji, do some service and immerse myself in the culture I would absolutely love it! The various cultures of the world really interest me, not to mention the delicious cuisines each one holds. I would also definitely take some time to zen out on the beach.

What is the GOLDEN legacy that you want to leave behind through your position?

Selflessness. In the grand scheme of things positions, titles and formalities have no worth or value. We are all involved for the service, to improve the world in which we all live. We give ourselves to leave a lasting impact or just make someone smile. That's precisely what Key Club is.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

Wait. There's life outside of Key Club?

What is your favorite service project?

My home club tutors elementary students after school. I absolutely LOVE kids, and working with them to help foster their succeed is one of my favorite service projects. While with them you can always slip in how awesome Key Club is; you know, plant those seeds early!

Any advice for any officers or members?

Do not forget your love for service! Officers and members alike have other roles they play in life, and duties they must complete outside of Key Club. Remember how service makes you feel and the difference you are making! YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, AND YOU DO!

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

BE YOURSELF! Do not try to change who you are just to win a position. People want to know who they are voting for; they want a person, not an idea of one.

Since ICON is going to be at the Happiest Place on Earth, what is your favorite Disney movie and why?

I HAVE TO PICK JUST ONE?! Well I love Dumbo, although it makes me cry. Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs or Cinderella are also favorites. I really like princes and chivalry, so if it has a fairytale, I'm likely fangirling over it.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **MARIA PALAZZOLO**



What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

My parents have been involved in Kiwanis for my entire life, so I've been raised in a community and service-oriented family. Key Club was the perfect club for me...I knew what it was because of my parents, but it also focused on service, something that was important to me. I joined as a freshman and became a class representative. Then, as a sophomore, I served as a lieutenant governor. Now, as a junior, I am a trustee! That's basically my story as to why I joined Key Club and the positions that I've had while being a member of this organization.

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

"Being an International Board member has changed my life completely for the better. I have definitely had to work on my time management skills now that school has started, but I love doing the Key Club stuff so much that I don't mind giving up a few things to get more time to focus on my job as a trustee.

What is your favorite service project?

My favorite service project is something that my club started to do last year. We go to a small grade school in an underprivileged part of town after our school gets out. We visit the school and just play with the kids or help them with homework - whatever they want to do. It is such an amazing experience because a lot of these kids don't really have parental figures, or any figures for that matter, to look up to. I just feel like our club members are people that they could look up to. The kids are always so sad when we have to leave. Our club is actually going back to the school for the first time this year after our meeting tomorrow! I'm so excited!

Any advice for any officers or members?

Enjoy your time on the board, and take advantage of every moment! Your year will be over before you know it! As a lieutenant governor, I could not believe how quickly the year went by. It didn't really hit me that the year was over until I was pinning my elect at district convention. Your year flies by, so make sure that you get done all that you want to get done in the time that is still remaining. If you want to get something done, just do it!

For members, I would say my advice is to go to District Convention. If you have already been, bring a friend from your school who has never been before. Your club will benefit because you will have even more passionate members!

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

One of my favorite quotes is from Bill Cosby. He said, "In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure." From personal experience, I can tell you that running for a position is terrifying in the beginning. You are putting yourself out in front of everyone. What if I don't know the answer to a question during caucusing? What do I do if I forget parts of my speech in front of the whole crowd? These questions would constantly run through my mind, but I knew that I had a passion for Key Club. I wanted to share my passion and ideas, and decided that I wanted to take a risk. It was one of the best decisions that I have made in my life.

My advice is to go for it. Don't let your fear of failure prevent you from even trying. I'm sure you all have a passion for Key Club (you wouldn't be thinking about running for a position if you didn't have some sort of love for the organization). Just show your passion, and develop a plan. The risk is worth it. It will be a great experience; I guarantee it.

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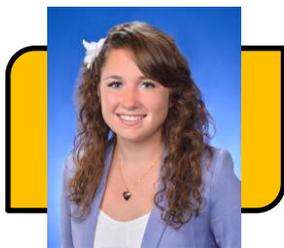
I absolutely LOVE Disney. You can ask Kelsie Hoppes; we both have an obsession. This question is so hard, but I guess if I could only pick one Disney movie, it would be Aladdin. I was absolutely obsessed with this movie when I was younger. I really liked monkeys as a kid, so Abu is probably why I loved the movie so much. Now that I look back, I think that I also had a crush on Aladdin (I know, I was quite a strange child). Just so you know, Hercules is my other favorite. :) They are all just such good movies.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **MICHELLE PETERSON**



What is your favorite Key Club memory?

It's really hard to pick, but I'd have to say my favorite Key Club memory took place during my club presidency. My fellow club board members and I promised our membership that if they raised \$500 for Project Eliminate in a week, each board member would do something hilarious and relatively embarrassing the following week. Since we allowed the members to pick what each officer would have to do, we raised far more than the \$500 goal. From two male board members having to dramatically sing "Breaking Free" from High School Musical at lunch to our club secretary allowing the members to paint her face and keeping the face paint on for a full school day, that week was one of the craziest in our school's history. My task was to dress up as a man (yes, mustache and all) for a full day. Plus, being president, I had one extra twist: I was under solemn oath to not explain myself to anyone. All day, my parents, non-Key Club peers, and teachers alike were shocked and confused to say the least. It was more than worth it though. My club saved hundreds of lives and my Key Club gained a lot of hype at school, which my entire board and I agreed was worth much more than a week of our dignity.

Any advice for any officers or members?

If you're an officer, no matter the position, you were elected because the members had faith that under your leadership, they could become better servant leaders. Your goals need to be the goals of your membership. It isn't the members' job to help you reach your divisional or district goals; it is your job to be whatever they need you to be. Never forget to ask the membership that elected you what they need because that should be your one and only focus.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

I would say to make sure you talk to current and/or past International Board members about it so you can make sure it's the right choice for you personally. Being on the International Board is an incredible and one-of-a-kind experience, but it isn't for everyone. You'll be most successful in the position that fits you best as a person. Leadership isn't about getting to the highest level you can. The best leaders recognize where they're most needed and devote themselves to that. If that place is in your club or your division, enjoy it. If you think that International is where you're most useful, be sure to really do your homework to make sure it's where you'll be both happy and successful.



International Board Q&A

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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE ZACHARY WALDORF



How do you envision Key Club in 10 years?

In ten years, I expect a membership increase, probably upwards towards 280,000-300,000. I also expect many more key clubs to pop up in other countries. In a decade, we won't see that much change in our organization. If we were to look thirty years ahead or maybe even fifty, then we will see significant changes, such as new district formation. That being said, membership increase is still a very significant change that is sure to happen. As Key Club, serves more, it's presence increases, and as its presence increases, more people are intrigued by it.

How has being an International Board member changed your life?

Being an international board member has DEFINITELY been preparing me for the real world. From flying to learning about different regional cultures, this experience has definitely made me more aware of what the future has in store for me. Being an international board member has also taught me to communicate with people EFFECTIVELY. This job, like many other Key Club positions, has a lot of phone calls and a HECK of a lot of emails. With emails comes with time management. Time management is probably the most important thing I will get out of being an international board member. Juggling this with school has forced me to have a desk calendar, let's just say that.

What is your favorite service project?

My favorite service project would have to be the one that sparked me to run for lieutenant governor when I was a sophomore. This project really taught me a lot about service and just how much of an impact Key Clubbers have on the lives of others. The project was called America's Grow-A-Row, dedicated to growing different types of produce for inner-cities who don't have access to healthy options. At my first Grow-A-Row, we planted winter squash. So many members came out from my division and we ended up harvesting upwards of 60,000 pounds of winter squash. Seeing the truckloads of squash was breathtaking, and knowing that they would be shipped to families in need made it all worthwhile.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

If you are considering running for a district or international position, obviously, it's going to be tough, but don't allow it to stress you out to the point where you're not even going to be able to function. I remember I was freaking out the night before caucusing, literally having a breakdown in my hotel room. You need to realize that positions don't mean that much in this organization. From the international president right down to the general member, were all pretty much contributing to the same exact thing. We are SERVING and LEADING. If you become obsessed with LEADING, you will forget SERVING. You need to run with the mindset that just because you may lose, doesn't mean you won't be able to serve. And also, we are all peers, so don't let anyone intimidate you. ANYONE. Have respect for your opponents, the delegates, those in the caucus room, but you have no reason to be intimidated by anyone. When I finally realized that, it became easier for me to campaign. One last thing, you don't have to memorize your speech, bring it up with you, refer to it. You're a human, not a robot. We are not expected to be able to recite things verbatim. As for caucusing, the first room will be rough, but trust me, once that hurdle is done with, it's smooth sailing. You WILL get in the zone and it will all become natural.



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INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE **ERIC YOON**



What do you hope to bring to the member experience to Anaheim ICON 2014?

Just as District Convention allows members and officers to open their eyes to what Key Club really is, the international board hopes to make Anaheim ICON 2014 a life-changing experience for members so that they are inspired to bring back ideas and passion to their communities and build upon a legacy of service.

What made you join Key Club? What's your story?

I joined Key Club to make friends because I literally had no friends. As a new immigrant, I was socially awkward and out of place but Key Club helped me adjust to the new environment and allowed me to become more outgoing and confident.

What is your favorite Key Club memory?

My favorite Key Club memory is being elected as International Trustee at KCDC. I've been in Key Club ever since I moved to America and it helped me grow as a person and as a leader. I worked my hardest so I was beyond happy to hear my name called during the closing session.

Outside of Key Club, what do you like to do?

I like to play the piano, go jogging, and above all, hang out with friends. I love to learn and try new things.

Any advice for any officers or members?

Do not miss out on opportunities to develop leadership and to learn the importance of service. Key Club has a lot to offer to students and it can make your high school experience unique and worthwhile. Through service, friendship, and leadership, expose yourself to a learning experience like no other.

What do you have to say for those considering running for a district or international position?

District and International positions require a greater commitment to Key Club International. It will be your number one priority after school. The work can be time consuming so make sure you have the motivation to do it. Be passionate, knowledgeable, and ready to learn out of mistakes and failures.