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Golden Key International Honor Society at UIC

Special Interest Articles:

- Why be a member?
- Volunteer Opportunities to fit all schedules.
- CCIL and How it can help you.

General Body Meeting

Agenda:

New Member Welcome
Introduction of Executive Officers
Benefits of Golden Key
Introduction to some of the Golden Key Events offered this semester

- CCIL
- Better World Books
- Rainbow House
- Give Events
- Blood Drive in February
- All updates will be sent via email

Welcome New Golden Key Members!

We are happy that you have chosen to become apart of the Golden Key community. On behalf of the entire Golden Key executive board, I would like to offer any information and support you may need now that you are a Golden Key member. My name is Rahul Sheth, the Golden Key President. We are looking forward to a great year, and already have a long list of activities and service opportunities lined up. I encourage you to try to commit a few hours of your

time towards helping to make a difference in your community. I know that everybody is busy but there is an activity that can fit into anyone's schedule.

Throughout this newsletter you will find new and exciting ways to help make a difference. I hope you also will run for a position on the Golden Key Board. As a board member you will have the ability to shape the lives of your peers and help those in your community. We hope you are all doing well in

your respective areas of study, and we look forward to working together with you this year to make a difference on this campus and in the community.

Thank You,
Rahul Sheth,
Chapter President



GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

Recognition for success. Keys to the future.

How to Get Involved

By: Tian Tan

Regardless of your major, seniority or interests, there are many ways to be involved with Golden Key! We offer service activities, volunteer projects and a myriad of various events on campus throughout the year both as a chapter and as an international body. In the past, we've volunteered at a Halloween party at the Boys and Girls club, taught third graders about money and business at an inner city school for

Junior Achievement, and raised money for the tsunami relief when it struck unexpectedly. Every week, we tutor at the Christian Children's Industrial League by UIC and every semester we try to help society as much as possible. But, maybe you're thinking that you don't have enough time to be actively involved within Golden Key. No worries! Aside from volunteering at all these events and charities, we do a myriad of other activities on campus. Every semester, we collect books in the lower level of the SCE bookstore for Better World Books and send them to Africa to raise

money for education for children who need it the most. We host periodic blood drives in SCE so that you could drop by in between classes and donate blood for a good cause. We collect clothes and items every Thanksgiving for needy families. Every little bit helps!

So feel free to donate a book, volunteer at any of our activities or even just grab pizza at General Member meeting! Golden Key is glad to have you on board!

...Why Volunteer for Golden Key?

By: Stephanie Wu

An important value of Golden Key is getting involved in order to make a difference. Volunteering in the community is a great way for our members to be positive role models and to give back to others. This semester, we sincerely hope every member will participate in at least one event, whether it's volunteering at a Chicago area charity ball or mentoring public school children. We have plenty of new ideas for this semester and we will be providing more information in the coming weeks, so keep your ears open! Of course, we're always open to new suggestions too. So take the first step and get involved. We hope to see you become an active member of Golden Key!

Chicago Christian Industrial League;

What is it? and How can YOU get involved? By: Stephen Soong



Golden Key Scholarships at UIC

By: Samreen Choudry

Each year, the Golden Key International Honour Society gives away two scholarships to Golden Key undergraduate members at UIC to recognize them for their outstanding academic achievement and involvement with Golden Key. Each scholarship is worth \$500 and is awarded to one junior and one senior undergraduate. All new and existing Golden Key members are strongly encouraged to apply! To apply for the scholarships, just come to our **General Member meeting this Monday at 4:00 PM in the White Oak Room** on the third floor of SCE. Also, you can visit the Golden Key website at www.goldenkey.org to find out about other scholarships (totaling \$400,000) that Golden Key awards to over 700 members annually.

The Chicago Christian Industrial League is one of Chicago's oldest assisted living shelters. Founded on the principles of charity, compassion, and service, CCIL has been providing housing, food, and occupational training for homeless men, women, and children since 1909. For nearly 100 years, the League has been located in a small, tucked-away corner of Greek town. Most people never see the old structures, the crumbling brick walls, nor the dusty playground. Surrounded by up-scale Greek restaurants and cheap-eats diners, CCIL was a haven for Chicago's homeless. These days however, if one were to walk down Halsted and stop at the intersection with Green Street, he/she would only be greeted by piles of rubble and construction machinery. Although the League's former home is to become the future site of condominiums, the organization continues its mission at a brand new facility in the west side of Chicago. With a larger facility and fresh resources, CCIL hopes to extend its arms to even more of Chicago's impoverished.

Our UIC Golden Key chapter has collaborated with the volunteering branch of CCIL to provide weekly tutoring sessions to the 50+ kids who live with their families in the facilities. The kids' ages range from 6 to 18, but they all share the same kind of energy and enthusiasm (though it's not always directed towards school). Every Thursday at 5:40 p.m., a group of volunteer jump aboard the #12 CTA bus and ride west down Roosevelt. Each tutor takes one student, and they spend the evening on reading, math, and science homework. The kids are always excited to see us and are eager to form a bond with their "favorite kids". At the end of the day, the kids all thank us in unison, and make us promise that we'll be back next week. Not even the winter cold nor the idea of waiting for the #12 bus can keep us away from helping the kids.