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Golden Key International Honor Society at UIC

Special Interest Articles:

- Meet the Board;
Available
Positions!!!
- Volunteer
Opportunities
for the Month of
March



General Body Meeting

Agenda:

Introduction of Executive
Officers
Information on some of the
Golden Key Events offered this
semester

- CCIL
- Better World Books
- Rainbow House
- Give Events including
Ronald McDonald
House Charity
- Blood Drive in
February
- All updates will be
sent via email
- St. Patrick's Day
Parade!!!

Golden Key Scholarships ...by Rahul Sheth

Golden Key believes in rewarding its members for their academic leadership and service excellence. TO this end, the organization maintains 18 different scholarship programs available solely to its members. The Society rewards more than 700 members annually with exclusive scholarships exceeding \$400,000.

One of the scholarship programs, the Chapter Undergraduate Scholarships, is issued at each chapter. The University of Illinois- Chicago chapter will be providing two scholarships of **\$500** each to one **junior** and one **senior**. The criteria will include Golden Key involvement, community service and extracurricular activities. The scholarship deadline is March 7th and winners will be announced in April 2006.

For more information, please visit the Golden Key Website and look under the "Scholarships" subheading.

Golden Key Executive Board Spring 2007:

Rahul Sheth: President

Tian Tan: Vice President

*Samreen Choudhary:
Secretary*

Maham Lodhi: Treasurer

*Stephen Soong: CCIL
Coordinator*

Emily Finchum: Newsletter Editor

Samar Suleman: Publicity Chair

*Stephanie Wu: Sophomore
Representative*

Volunteer work Abounds with Golden Key by: Stephanie Wu

Looking for a fun and rewarding
volunteer event?

You're in luck - we have one coming up this Saturday, March 10! We will be taking part in the Labouré House Guest Chef Program, a volunteer opportunity offered by the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Volunteers will prepare and serve dinner at a senior center not too far from UIC's campus.

Dinner is served at 6pm, and we will be arriving at the senior center at 4 or 5 in order to start preparing. Not only do we get to choose and prepare the food ourselves but we get to enjoy the meal as well. This is a very unique volunteering event, so we hope that you will join us on Saturday! Sign up for this event at the Golden Key General Body Meeting!!!



Another volunteering note: we will be having specialized St. Patrick's Day Fundraisers that we will need volunteers for. More information on the specifics will be given at the GK Meeting.

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.