

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

# THE KT KEY

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Hey K-T!

This is my first publication as District Bulletin Editor, right in time for school to start. I hope everyone is getting settled in well now that summer is over.

I feel confident that this publication will be helpful to all of my readers throughout the K-T District. If you have any questions contact your Lieutenant Governor or anyone on the last page.

Yours in Service,  
Aiden Hamade



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# MESSAGE FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

Before we delve into the new year, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, Ashley, to the K-T District! I love meeting people with similar interests and hobbies as myself, so if you find yourself striking a similarity with me, reach out!

I'm super involved in Speech and Debate! Over the past three years, I've placed at the District and State level and this year, I had the privilege of qualifying for Nationals in Congressional Debate!

I have a passion for current events and alleviating inequality in my community. Alongside the Mayor of Clarksville, I chair our city's Youth Council and address the most pressing teen issues.

I played the piano for 8 years and was a Student Member of the American College of Musicians!

I have a pet goldfish named Rio - he's lived to be 8 months old!

In addition, I'm a meme lover and a devoted dog person. Whenever there's both, it's my favorite thing.

Finally, and I cannot stress this enough, if you ever have any questions regarding myself, my district, or this wonderful organization, you can always email me at [ashley@ktkey.org](mailto:ashley@ktkey.org)!

Yours in gratitude and service,  
Ashley Song



# ICON RECAP

The Kentucky-Tennessee District had an amazing time at on the ICON Tour last year. We started on a bus in Lexington and made our way to Washington, D.C. While there we got to see the White House, eat at a private club, and tour the Capitol Building. After a few days we headed up to Baltimore, Maryland for a very eventful ICON. Attendees learned a lot and had fun in numerous workshops throughout convention, eventually getting the chance to meet with guest speaker Laura Marano! KT also had numerous award winners—Division 3 Sabreen Alrudhan and Division 9 Tina Wu won Robert F. Lucas Awards for being Outstanding Lieutenant Governors. Past Governor Emily Howard, past Secretary Tiffany Min, and past Treasurer Christy Zheng won Distinguished Awards for their positions; this is the first time in K-T history that all 3 executives have won.



Make sure to plan ahead for next year's ICON! It will be in San Francisco, CA from July 1st - July 5th, 2020.

As seen left to right:  
Emily Howard (Past Gov), Steve Phillips (DA), Tiffany Min (Past Sec.)

# ICON CLUB AWARDS

Two individual clubs from the Kentucky-Tennessee District won awards at ICON. Unaka High School from Division 7 received 3rd place for Service Award and Boyd County High School in Division 8 received Distinguished Club on the Diamond Level and 2nd place in Silver Status for the Single Project Award.



As seen left to right:  
Cassidy Norris, Axi Erickson

When asked what they thought about their award, Axi Erickson said, "My advisor, Mrs. Clawson, brought up the idea of a clothing closet for kids at our school who couldn't afford things like backpacks, snacks, and clothing. She got donations of clothing and other necessities and we started to build the closet up. So over the course of a couple meetings we decided on the name 'Ranger Pride, Clothing Stride'. It was really impactful to the club members to see that we could make a change in our own school. I think what led us to winning was that we focused on our peers and their needs when that can sometimes be overlooked. Even the smallest things can make a difference in someone's life."



As seen left to right:  
Alexis Marcum, Olivia Mulhearn,  
Layla Brown

The Boyd County Key Club organized the collection, assembly, and delivery of 100 bedtime kits for their local Build-a-Bed project, which builds bed frames and provides mattresses to children in need. Each kit included a sheet set, pillow, blanket, comforter, afghan, alarm clock, night light, storybook, stuffed animal, snacks, and full-sized toiletries. They recruited help from their local K-Family including other Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, and Kiwanis Clubs as well as other community groups.

They had 100% club participation, over 250 participants from other K-Family clubs, and over 150 participants outside of the K-Family. They collected roughly \$7500 worth of items and had over 3,300 combined service hours from all participants.

# PARTNERS

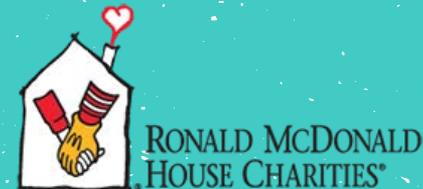
Key Club works with many organizations, some of these are vision partners such as Nickelodeon, U.S. Army, Project Happiness, and Landscape Structures.



Other organizations are service partners. This includes the Thirst Project, Up With People, Squads Abroad, and Kiwanis Gives Online.



Key Club also has three preferred charities. These are UNICEF, March of Dimes, and Children's Miracle Network. The K-T District's preferred charity is the Ronald McDonald House.



# KEY CLUB WEEK

November 4th - 9th, 2019

Day 1 : Show your K in every way

- Wear Key Club Clothing and Key Club pins
- Get your mayor to proclaim Key Club Week in your town
- Get businesses to recognize Key Club Week on their signs and windows
- Display Key Club signs and banners in your school

Day 2 : Kudos to the Key Players

- Recognize and show appreciation to faculty and Kiwanis advisors

Day 3 : Dare to Care

- Focus on service to one of Key Club's three preferred charities

Day 4 : Random Acts of Kindness

- Challenge every member to complete at least one random act of kindness

Day 5: Connect the K's

- Hold a joint Kiwanis Family Activity with kiwanis, Builders, Circle K, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs

# TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Key Club and UNICEF have been partnered since 1994; since then, Key Club has raised about \$5 million for various causes. Since 2012, all Trick-or-Treat funds have gone to the ELIMINATE Project, which aims to cure maternal/neonatal tetanus. This year, our goal is to raise an additional \$3 million for the ELIMINATE Project.

Clubs that participated last year will receive collection boxes and materials after Labor Day. If you need more you can order them from the Key Club Store online or if you call 1-800-KIWANIS.

**ELIMINATE**  
maternal/neonatal tetanus



Come up with a fundraiser and begin gathering donations! Clubs that donate \$250 or more by December 30th will receive a special banner patch!



# FALL RALLY

Fall Rally will be at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN this year. It will be on Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2019 and the rally begins at 11 am.



Use this event as a way to generate excitement for your Key Club year, meet with Kiwanians, and to expose new people to Key Club!

For only \$50 you get:

Park admission

Meal voucher

Fall Rally t-shirt

This is a great deal! Regular park admission is \$84.15



Plan ahead! Register now on the K-T website!

# YOF GRANT



Applications open up on September 1st, 2019. Be on the lookout!

The Youth Opportunities Fund Grant is a great chance for clubs that lack funding to do service projects that they otherwise could not. The grant can provide as little as \$100 up to as much as \$2,000. All applications should be written in detail and submitted by October 15th. They will be reviewed in November and grants are given in early January. My home club at DuPont Manual in Louisville, KY, applied for the grant last year and we received \$1,000 to make supply drops for the Volunteers of America.

# CONTACT

If you have any questions about what's going on in the District feel free to contact any one of the people below!

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