

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY
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GOLDEN KEY MISSION :

To build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through...

- Leadership
- Career development
- Networking
- Service

2004 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: BERKELEY WINS GOLD!
JENNY WONG, SECRETARY

Every August, Golden Key leaders and members from around the world convene at the annual international conference.

On August 12th-14th, more than 800 leaders traveled from six countries to attend this year's conference titled "Unlock the Possibilities." Eight delegates from UC Berkeley, including myself, attended.

Throughout the four-day conference, our mornings and afternoons were packed with various leadership and career development workshops. We met with and collaborated with delegates from chapters all over the world, including our new sister

chapters from Australia. We also had meetings with other chapters within the Western Division and learned about the new chapter standards and country initiative mandated by headquarters.

During the nights, we enjoyed the beautiful city of Atlanta. We visited Centennial Park (site of the '96 Olympics), and ate delici-

ous Southern cuisine. We also had a blast at the closing banquet and dance, where the UC Berkeley chapter was honored to receive a Key Chapter Award. This prestigious recognition is given to the selected chapters that meet and surpass the criterion required to have "GOLD" standing during the previous academic year. Our

officers hope to maintain a tradition of gold.

The weekend in Atlanta was time well spent. I had a lot of fun bonding with fellow officers and learning more about Golden Key as an international organization. Together, we will "unlock the possibilities" to make this a great year for Golden Key. ■



The **Key Chapter Award**—one of the highest recognitions of a GK chapter.



GK officers proudly pose with CEO, **Alex Perwich**, after receiving

SISTER CHAPTER FROM DOWN UNDER
DAVID HAZLEHURST, CO-PRESIDENT

The UC Berkeley Chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society is proud to announce the birth of its first-ever Sister Chapter relationship. During this summer's International Conference, our officers convened with representatives from two fabulous Australian universities: **Monash University in Melbourne** and the **Australian National University**.

The prospects for our new Sister Chapter relationships are exciting



Presidents **Cindy** (middle) and **David** begin sister relationship with GK chapter from **Australia**.

indeed. We are currently working to build a study-abroad support program. We plan to offer assistance to Cal students studying in Australia as well as Australian students studying here at Cal. Our goal is to help with acquiring housing, integrating into society and becoming generally familiar with the new area during the study abroad term. We look forward to meeting our new friends from abroad and to well-wishing our Cal GK-ers as they head overseas! ■

PRESIDENTS' WELCOME

CINDY CHAI, CO-PRESIDENT

Welcome to Golden Key! I hope you are as excited about this upcoming year as I am! Whether you are a returning member, a newly inducted member, or an honorary member, we have much planned for you!

Golden Key International Honour Society is widely recognized as one of the most creative and active honor societies in the world. Established in 1977, its reputation has its basis in this non-profit organization's mission to build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and service. As a

member, you are entitled to many societal benefits such as extensive career assistance and over \$500,000 in scholarships.

Here at Berkeley, Golden Key is the only *international* honor society on campus. Membership to Golden Key is a prestigious award of academic achievement—Golden Key has the highest GPA requirement out of all the multidisciplinary honor societies at Cal. The officers work extremely hard throughout the year to ensure the quality of our events and to maximize benefits for our members. I sincerely hope that you will actively participate in the various social, academic,

and community service activities we have planned for you.

Sure, Golden Key membership is a great resume builder, but the organization is so much more than its name. I am proud to be a Golden Key member, and on behalf of all the officers at the Berkeley Chapter of Golden Key, I congratulate all of you for being selected as a part of this organization. ■



Co-Presidents, **David** and **Cindy**.

MEET THE OFFICERS



Secretary, **Jenny**, wants to "increase awareness of GK and make it a fun year for officers & members."



Treasurer, **Cat**, hopes to "make the most of our money for members by funding useful & fun events!"



KeyNotes Editor, **Jessica**, desires to "produce chapter newsletters that are informative & interesting to members."



Short-term Community Service, **Emily**, plans to "get people involved in community service projects!"



Long-term Community Service, **Kathy**, plans to "increase awareness of the many community service opportunities available to Golden Key members."



Vice-President, **Felice**, is studying abroad in Paris this semester, but corresponds via email.

Not Pictured:

Academic & Professional Development Chair, **Aaron**, hopes to "provide academic & professional opportunities to GK members."

NEW EPIDEMIC INFECTING GK MEMBERS: POINT-CRAZED MEMBER SYNDROME (PMS)

ADITYA ADIREDDA, PUBLIC RELATIONS

This just in! PR Surgeon General reports the implementation of a rare, yet benign case of “**The Point System**” in response to a club-wide movement towards increased member participation.

This system allows members to accumulate points for each Golden Key sponsored event that they participate in. The number of points allotted vary with the number of hours completed and the

nature of the event. For example, activities that require a larger time commitment such as attending conferences or becoming a committee member are worth 20 points. Conversely, hourly general meetings and tabling are worth 5 points.

To coincide with the new chapter standards (gold, silver and bronze chapter) implemented at the international level, Berkeley mem-

bers will now be recognized as gold (60+ points), silver (40 points), or bronze (20 points) members and will be rewarded accordingly based on the total number of points accumulated.

Only bronze and higher level members are eligible for chapter scholarships.

For more info on the rewards or point system please email goldenkey@berkeley.edu. ■



Public Relations Officer, **Aditya**, hopes to “increase active membership & help members understand their benefits.”

DINE WITH YOUR PROFESSOR: HM DINNERS

KELLY FONG, HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Member dinners are a special benefit of being a Golden Key member. Honorary Members, or HM for short, are Berkeley faculty and staff who support Golden Key Honour Society.

During HM dinners, a limited number of active members dine and interact with one of our 40+ HMs in a more intimate setting than the classroom. With a meal and the opportunity to spend time with an honorary member,

HM dinners are one of our most popular events.

The first HM dinner of the year will be **Tuesday, October 5th** with **Associate Vice Chancellor Richard Black**. Specific details will follow in an email as the date approaches.

Contact HM Chair Kelly Fong (panny523@berkeley.edu) if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!

Other HMs you might be familiar with include:

- * Tom Campbell, Haas Dean
- * Marian Diamond, IB Prof.
- * Alan Dundes, Anthropology/Folklore Prof.
- * Alex Filippenko, Astronomy Prof.
- * Leon Litwack, History Prof.
- * David Presti, MCB Prof.
- * Ronald Takaki, Asian Am Prof. ■



HM Chair, **Kelly**, is excited to “work with HMs so GK members can interact with faculty outside the classroom in a more interactive environment.”

SOCIAL EVENTS: BEN & JERRY’S, BOWLING, ETC.

JESSICA LEE, KEYNOTES EDITOR

Chunky Monkey? Cherry Garcia? Sugar ice-cream cones!?

On September 16th, approximately 30 officers and members enjoyed Ben & Jerry’s ice-cream at the first social event of the fall semester.

Members had the opportunity to reserve their spot for this

FREE event at the first general meeting held on September 15th. (General meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6-7 pm.)

The purpose of social events are to build relationships between Golden Key members and to take much-needed study breaks!

Look forward to October’s social event: BOWLING!!

Sign-ups are taken at the general meeting prior to the social event.

More information to come from your social chair, Andrew. ■



Social Chair, **Andrew**, plans to “help members meet each other and have fun together.”

(website currently under construction):
<http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~goldkey/>

UC BERKELEY CHAPTER

Golden Key Officers

Email: goldenkey@berkeley.edu

Looking to get published in *KeyNotes* or
GK's national magazine, *Concepts* ??
(worth 10 whole points!!)

Contact *KeyNotes* Editor, Jessica:
Email: jkleee3@berkeley.edu



Gee, does Golden Key seem *too big* for you?

Come out to an event, make some
friends, and feel connected!

We, the officers, *especially* want to meet you!!

Front (L-R): Jessica, Felice, Cindy, Jenny, Kelly.
Back (L-R): David, Aditya.
Not pictured: Aaron, Andrew, Cat, and Emily.



GOLDEN KEY FUN FACTS

- Founded internationally in 1977 in Atlanta, Georgia
- Nearly 350 chapters at colleges and universities in the US, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand and South Africa
- Invitational membership only, given to top 15% of junior & senior standing scholars
- Berkeley chapter established in 1986
- GK is the *only* international honor society on UC Berkeley campus
- All **General Meetings**:
2nd&4th Wednesdays
6-7 pm

MEMBER BENEFITS: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

JESSICA LEE, KEY NOTES EDITOR

Congratulations! You're the top 15% of your class. You paid your lifetime \$65 membership fee. So, now you can use GK as a resume filler and never see us again?

I should sincerely hope not! Not only is that a waste of money, but you would be missing out on numerous member benefits at the local and national level:

LOCAL:

- 1) **Scholarships:** The Berkeley chapter awards \$1000 worth of scholarships every year, eligible to members who, at the least, are at Bronze standing. (see p. 3)
- 2) **Honorary Member Activities:** A great way to separate yourself from other students and to network with famous professors. (see p. 3)

3) **Social Activities:** (see p. 3)

4) **Academic Activities**

5) **Publication Opportunities** : A publication in *Concepts*, GK's international magazine, looks great to grad schools and can be about your academic or personal interests. Deadline: **Oct. 1st.** (see above).

6) **Community Service**

National:

- 1) **Scholarships:** A total of \$100,000 (15 scholarships) available to members of various backgrounds. (see listing @ www.goldenkey.org/GKweb/scholarshipsandawards/).



The Key to "Unlocking the Possibilities..."

- 2) **Vault.com:** Searching for info on companies as you prepare for interviews? You have a free subscription to this career library until 6 months after graduation!
 - 3) **Corporate Sponsors:** Companies like Bank of America, Merck, and Boeing to name a few are already familiar with the caliber of GK members which may help in securing a job after graduation.
 - 4) **Discounts:** Taking MCAT classes soon? \$100 off Princeton Review, plus more!
 - 5) **International Networking:** Established relations for study abroad students with our sister chapters in Australia and beyond. (see p. 1)
- Whew! And the best part is that these are only a *few* of the benefits available to you. To get the most of your money, attend general meetings & be active! ■