



# KeyNotes

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## Rebuilding Together to Make a Difference

by **Shelly Bian & Jonathan Hirschberg**  
*Community Service Co-Chairs*

On the fourth Saturday of every October, Golden Key chapters all over the country join together and participate in various community service projects as part of "Make a Difference Day". This year, along with the CSU East Bay Chapter, the UC Berkeley chapter of Golden Key worked with Rebuilding Together to help renovate the Bay Area Alternative Press.

Armed with paint rollers and shovels, Golden Key members set to achieve Rebuilding Together's mission of renovating and remodeling public non-public establishments. Rebuilding Together organizes workdays to revitalize and maintain buildings whose owners are not able to pay for improvements themselves. Our specific site was the Bay Area Alter-



*GK members volunteer at Bay Area Alternative Press for "Make a Difference Day"*

native Press on 1847 Alcatraz Avenue. Bay Area Alternative Press is a nonprofit organization that gives voice to organizations, students and private citizens by printing pamphlets, booklets and other papers free of charge. They also provide opportuni-

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## Keep in Touch and Stay Informed!

International Website:  
[goldenkey.org](http://goldenkey.org)

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## President's Update

by **Anne Bozack**  
*Co-president*

Welcome to the twelfth week of classes! With finals just around the corner, we hope that you have had a successful and productive semester filled with Golden Key activities!



Over the last few weeks, Golden Key has been busy helping the community, get-

ting to know Honorary Members, preparing for grad school and the professional world and honoring sophomores. We have had many successful events this semester which could not have been accomplished without the support of our members, so thank you!

While this semester is coming to a close, there are still many ways to get involved with Golden Key. We encourage you to stay involved for our final events includ-

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ing a hike to the Big C on Saturday, November 18, and a Princeton Review workshop on Monday, November 20. Look for more information about these events in our weekly email updates. Remember, Golden Key is here to serve you, so get involved and let us know what events you want to see!

## Adding Up Points

As a Golden Key member, you are eligible for member discounts and all Golden Key events. Want more? By getting involved and earning points towards active membership, you can gain even more benefits!

**Bronze:** 40 pts, “eligible” for scholarships, awarded a certificate upon graduation

**Silver:** 80 pts and attended at least two different events, “recommended” for scholarship, awarded a honor cord upon graduation

**Gold:** 120 pts and attended at least three different events, “highly recommended for scholarship, awarded honor stole upon graduation

Points build up over the entire ‘06 ‘07 school year, so get started now!

**General Meeting** 5 pts

**Flying or Tabling** 5 pts/hr

**Academic/Professional** 10 pts

**Community Service** 10 pts

**HM Lecture or Dinner** 10 pts

**Social** 10 pts

**Keynotes Article** 10 pts

**Sophomore Recognition** 10 pts

**Induction** 10 pts

**Short-Term Committee** 10 pts

**Long-Term Committee** 20 pts



*UC Berkeley Golden Key Advisor Alex De Guia in his office at the SLC*

## Meet the Advisor

by **Anne Bozack**  
*Co-President*

While the members are the driving force of Golden Key, our chapter also relies on a very important man behind the scenes. Meet UC Berkeley’s new Chapter Advisor, Alex de Guia! Working with university staff, student leaders and the Golden Key office, Alex provides the daily support to keep our chapter running smoothly. Although new to Golden Key, Alex has a long history of working with the university and students. He is one of three Assistant Directors for the Student Learning Center, overseeing professional staff and student employees. Alex began working with the SLC in 1995 in Study Strategies courses and later joined the management team in 2001. With his experience, Alex has easily tamed the task of acting as a liaison between the chapter, the university, and the international office.

As a Berkeley alumni, Alex can relate to the students he works with. In 1994 Alex graduated from Cal with a Bachelors of Arts in Eng-

lish and a minor in Ethnic Studies. He also followed the pre-med track so is well-versed in the sciences. After completing his undergraduate degree, Alex earned his Masters in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1995.

Alex was first introduced to the SLC as an undergrad at Cal. After using the SLC’s academic support as a freshman, Alex became a writing tutor and discovered his love for teaching. Alex believes that teaching and tutoring are ways of giving back. As the Golden Key Advisor, Alex hopes to connect members with opportunities both on and off campus. He is eager to serve as a resource to help students make the most of their undergraduate careers at Berkeley as well as prepare for graduate school or the professional world. Alex is always available for members at [deguaal@berkeley.edu](mailto:deguaal@berkeley.edu).

As a chapter, we look forward to working with Alex! With his support, Golden Key can strengthen its position as one of the largest and most active honor societies on campus and develop ways to further serve its members.

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ties to learn computer composition and small press operation so interested parties can manage their own projects. All their equipment is donated and the entire staff consists of unpaid volunteers so the organization supports itself solely through the generosity of others.

Golden Key worked throughout the day on two main projects. A group of us first set out to build a drainage pipe to prevent rainfall from settling in and damaging the building. To do so, we helped dig a trench at an incline, lay down individual pipe segments and fill the trench with gravel. In collaborating with the CSU East Bay Golden Key and the Latin American pre-law group, we learned to work together as a team while having some



*GK Members paint the walls of the Bay Area Alternative Press*

fun in the sun at the same time! The other half of us were responsible for painting the interior of the common area and the hallways. Sporting

oversized “Rebuilding Together” t-shirts and painter’s caps, we painted the various coats for the walls with rollers and touched up the trims with paintbrushes. While we were there, a school activity was taking place and we got to see first hand the vibrancy and impact of this institution. We weren’t merely digging a trench and painting the walls, but we were also truly making a difference for the people of the alternative press and the people the alternative press affects. At the end of the day, we each left a little sorer and a little more speckled with paint, but with a renewed appreciation for the efforts that makes a community like Berkeley’s function and thrive.

## The Future of Golden Key

by Cindy Chow, *Treasurer*

It was 2pm on Sunday, November 5 and the first sophomores were trickling into 2040 VLSB. The decorations were up. The homemade cookies, the crackers with hummus, and the vegetable platters were beautifully laid out. The programs were neatly folded and ready to be placed into the hands of our attendees. Golden Key Honour Society is known for recognizing

and encouraging academic excellence among college juniors and seniors, but every year, we also congratulate the highest achieving sophomores in our Sophomore Recognition event. This year, we invited the top 5% of the sophomore class to celebrate their hard work with us. So it was with great anticipation that I waited to meet these students who were likely to become the future members and leaders of Golden Key.

Co-presidents Monica and Anne started off the ceremony with an introduction to Golden Key and Sophomore Recognition, offering the first of well-deserved congratulations to the audience. Each student was recognized for his or her academic achievement, followed by a hearty round of applause. Finally, it was time for our keynote speaker...

We decided to test out the public speaking skills of our new advisor Alex de Guia, and he was definitely up to the challenge. Bravely stepping up to the podium, he delivered a speech that was both heartfelt and inspiring. Beyond congratulating the sophomores on their achievements, he urged ev-



*Sophomores mingled and enjoyed the food during the reception following Sophomore Recognition*

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# Officer Transition

by Monica Chen  
Co-President

Community Service has always been an important and fundamental aspect of the UC Berkeley Chapter of Golden Key. From Eggster to Make a Difference Day, our CS chairs are always working hard to make sure that we do our part in the Berkeley community. For the past year, Shelly and Jonathan have been engaging members in various activities. In the fall, Shelly worked with Rebuilding Together to bring a group of GK volunteers to help out at the Bay Area Alternative Press on Make a Difference Day. Our members successfully repainted many interior rooms and hallways and dug outdoor trenches to aid in flood control. Additionally, Jonathan collaborated with The Berkeley Project in order to allow another team of GKers to help paint and garden at the Chaparral House. This was a very rewarding experience for

all of the participants because not only were we able to help a great non-profit organization, but we were also able to collaborate with many other altruistic UC Berkeley student groups. As these two excellent and dedicated CS chairs graduate this semester, we would all like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment to our Golden Key chapter. We would also like to welcome our newest officer, Susana Wu, a fourth year MCB major, who will be serving as the Community Service Co-Chair with our current KeyNotes Editor, Linda. Susana's participation in previous GK community service events, like Making Strides and The Berkeley Project, reflect her enthusiasm for helping others and GK. We are all excited to have her join the officer team and hope that she will carry on the tradition of service and community involvement for the spring 2007 semester!

# Upcoming Events

## Hike to the Big C

Saturday, November 18  
6pm, in front of International House

## Medical School Workshop presented by Princeton Review

Monday, November 20  
6pm, 246 Dwinelle

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everyone to take full advantage their potential and of their time here in Berkeley. His Cal spirit and support of Golden Key really shone through as he related his own positive experiences at Cal as a student and his current position at the Student Learning Center.

We hope that all these students will continue to reach for the highest and to continue their academic achievements. Thank you to all who helped out and attended Sophomore Recognition!!

# GOLDEN KEY WORDSEARCH

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Golden Key is proud to have nearly 350 chapters at colleges and universities in \_\_\_\_\_ (number) countries
2. The names of your presidents (2 answers)
3. \_\_\_\_\_, the Golden Key award-winning annual magazine, features works primarily from members
4. Name of Golden Key's College Career Bible
5. The GK \_\_\_\_\_ is your portal to exclusive job and internship opportunities through Golden Key career partners and many other top name companies.
6. Golden Key chapters are active participants in the annual Make a \_\_\_\_\_ Day worldwide
7. Golden Key is proud to partner with Better World \_\_\_\_\_ to support education based service and fundraising for chapters
8. Golden Key General Meetings are always held in room 246 of \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Member Lectures: special seminars where Berkeley's leading professors present topics they are most passionate about

Submit your completed wordsearch to Keynotes Editor Linda Zhu by the next General Meeting to be entered in a raffle for a GK prize!