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Presidents' Update

By **Cathy Hwang and Leslie Sheu**
Co-Presidents

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing spring break! With the end of the semester quickly approaching, I've realized what an amazing run we've had so far: we've mentored high school students through their college application process, learned about the brain from Professor Marian Diamond, and dined with Professor Darren Zook at Berkeley Thai House. We've toured Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory with friends, snatched the tips to finding that ideal internship, and most importantly, we've welcomed more than 170 new members to our big GK family at Annual

New Member Induction Ceremony. All these events wouldn't be successful without your active participation and involvement!

GK officers have worked hard to plan an action-packed April with lots of exciting events and activities. We are kicking off the first week of April with the 3rd General Meeting at 210 Wheeler. On Wednesday, April 9, GK is co-sponsoring Cal Career Center's "Accepted to Med School Panel" at 6PM in 2040 VLSB, following by the 2nd Honorary Member Lecture with Professor Caroline Kane at 7PM in 223 Dwinelle. For Cal Day this year, the

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Making a Difference, One Student at a Time

By **Cecilia Tong**
Community Service Chair

Golden Key reached out to high school students in the Bay Area at the first annual Golden Key High School Student Panel on March 15, 2008, a event in conjunction with the High School Mentorship Program. We represented nine different majors:

Molecular and Cell Biology, Earth and Planetary Science, Chemical Biology, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Mass Communication, Anthropology and Business Administration. The officer team would like to

give a round of applause to our seven panelists- Brandon Endo, Gail

Hernandez, Maria Conner, Katherine Beattie, Amanda Pietrzkowski, Alfonso Tan and Eric Du-

nipace for giving advice >> See *Students: Page 2*



GK Members Visit the Chocolate Factory!

By **Leo Li**
Social Chair

Last month, a great number of you attended the Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory Tour. It turned out to be both very enjoyable and educational as we learned how chocolate is made while having the pleasure to taste some of the finest chocolate. In our last social event of the semester, we will pay a visit to another great site here in Berkeley.

On April 19th, we will visit a Sake museum (Takara Sake USA). We will learn the process of sake making, food pairing tips, and some cooking recipes. And on top of that, for those who are over the age of 21, you get to taste it for free!

So, please come join us to meet new members and earn GK points!



GK members pose outside of the Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory with their new goodies in hand!

HM Delivers Inspiring Lecture about the Brain



Professor Diamond speaks about the brain and its potential

By **Derrick Knapik**
Honorary Member Chair
Following our induc-

tion of three new Honorary Members to our Golden Key family, Golden Key held its first Honorary Member lecture last Wednesday. Despite the scarce turnout due to spring break approaching, Professor Diamond delivered an interesting and informative talk concerning her research. The lecture revolved around Professor Diamond's findings concerning the health and brain development of rats and how the results can be translated into improving the cognitive functions of the human brain. Professor Diamond next discussed her studies pertaining to the development of

deprived children in Cambodia. Her finding showed that with proper stimulation of the brain through various activities, children could increase their potential for success in an environment that typically hinders their advancing beyond lives as rice farmers.

Our next Honorary Member lecture will be given by Professor Caroline Kane and will focus on how one can balance a career between being a social activist as well as a scientist in today's modern world. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 7pm in 223 Dwinelle.

We urge everyone to attend and remind non-

Golden Key members that this is an open event, so bring your friends to hear Professor Kane's lecture.

Furthermore, we would once again like to congratulate Professors Hayes (Near Eastern Studies), Adamthwaite (History), and Einhorn (History) to Golden Key and thank Professor Hayes and Adamthwaite for their participation in the Induction Ceremony, along with Professor Matt Francis for his inspiring keynote address.

Again, thanks for coming out to our HM events this semester and supporting our honorary members. We look forward to seeing you at the remaining events!

GK Welcomes New Members at Annual Induction Ceremony

By Leslie Sheu
Co-President

I stepped into 2050 VLSB with a tangle of balloons in my hands at 1PM on Sunday, March 16th. At the time, the room was bare, and chalk marks from Friday's last lecture were still up on the board. Within an hour, our large lecture hall transformed into a great venue for our annual Golden Key induction ceremony, with a slideshow of pictures from past events welcoming our attendees, fruit and croissant platters nicely arranged, and students of all majors trickling in with family and friends.

Each Spring, Golden Key inducts the top 15% of Cal students with junior or senior standing into

our honor society. The diverse group of individuals comes together for having one thing in common: academic excellence. But equally important, Golden Key hopes that these individuals have also been leaders in their community, setting examples and making a difference with the knowledge they have gained.

Soon after the afternoon's program began, our three new honorary members, Professor Hayes, Professor Adamthwaite and Professor Einhorn, were inducted into our society, and Professor and Honorary Member Matt Francis delivered a thought-provoking key-

note speech on approaching the remaining years of college – and life – with an open mind. Following that, our Gold Status member, Tinny Chang, was awarded with a Golden Key stole and Silver Status members were recognized by name.

We hope that all of our newest Golden Key members will take advantage of the amazing things that Golden Key has to offer, get involved in the organization, and get to know one another! Congratulations again to all of our new inductees, and welcome to the Golden Key community!



Co-president Leslie Sheu congratulates new members at the Annual Induction Ceremony

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fundraising committee is selling a limited edition Cal Day T-shirt to benefit literacy development projects in Africa. On Wednesday, April 16 we have a "Finance 101" AP workshop, where a financial advisor from Citigroup will be presenting some personal finance tips. We will also be visiting Takara Sake Museum in Berkeley on Saturday, April 19 to learn about the history and the making of sake. We hope to see many new and old faces at these events!

Leslie and I are happy to announce that Sonia Lin and Michelle Louie will be serving as 2008-2009 Co-Presidents. Congratulations to Sonia and Michelle!

We encourage all continuing and new members to apply for officer positions, and several \$150 scholarships that are offered this semester. You can access both applications in the "Downloads" section of our website at <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~goldkey>. For more information regarding these opportunities, please email Sonia at sonialin@berkeley.edu or Michelle at m_louie@berkeley.edu. Being part of the Golden Key officer team is one of the best ways to foster leadership skills, and develop valuable friendships with fellow members, and we hope you will take part in continuing Golden Key's traditions in excellence and service at UC Berkeley!

Upcoming Events

Get ready for some more awesome GK events as we round out another semester!

Accepted to Med School Panel

6pm, Wednesday, April 9th
2040 VLSB

Honorary Member Lecture

7pm, Wednesday, April 9th
223 Dwinelle

Sake Museum Tour

Saturday, April 19th
Time and Location TBA

Just in Time Career Fair

12pm, Wednesday, April 23rd
and Thursday, April 24th
MLK Pauley Ballroom

Nursery Workday

Saturday, April 26th
Time and Location TBA

Last General Meeting

6pm, Wednesday, May 7th
210 Wheeler

We look forward to seeing you!

>> *Students: from front*

about the SAT, personal statements, college decisions, and major declarations. The panelists enthusiastically shared their advice about extracurricular activities such as participating in the Cal Taekwondo Team and UC Rally Committee, graphic designing for a student-run science magazine, interning with the Office of Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates, researching in labs, swimming for the Cal Men's Swimming Team, and N A S A Langley Research Center in

Hampton, VA to name a few. We are confident that our panelists provided a genuine and informative experience for the high school juniors and seniors present. The event ended with a short Q&A session.

Please join us for our last Community Service Event on Saturday, April 26th from 1-4:30pm. We will be volunteering at a Nursery

Workday with the Friends of Sausal Creek. Friends of Sausal Creek was formed in 1996 and is a group of community members protecting Sausal Creek at a grassroots level. The headwaters of Sausal Creek arise in the Oakland Hills and through the city, discharging into the tidal canal that separates the island of Alameda from Oakland; the creek ultimately flows

into San Francisco Bay. Urbanization has jeopardized this habitat. Friends of Sausal Creek is committed to protecting the creek as a natural resource for the greater Oakland community. It is home

to 250 plant species and nearly 80 bird species inhabiting the riparian corridor and uplands. Golden Key will be helping the nursery to prepare for their annual Native Plant Sale the next day by doing all kinds of ground work, staging, labeling, sowing, cutting, transplanting, weeding, and pruning to get the nursery in good shape.



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