



# KeyNotes

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## Presidents' Welcome

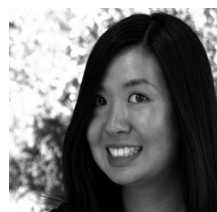
By Sonia Lin and Michelle Louie  
*Co-Presidents*

Welcome back to Cal! We hope you had an awesome summer and are ready for another exciting year of classes and Golden Key!

This year, Golden Key has made it a priority to plan events and activities that will cater to the needs of our diverse group of members. We hope that you, as dedicated Golden Key members, will continue to get involved in the



*Sonia Lin*



*Michelle Louie*

organization and come out to all of our amazing events. We strongly encourage you to be active this year!

Golden Key has something to offer everyone, from Honorary Member lectures to Community Service work, Social events to Academic and Professional Development workshops. We also encourage you to join one of our committees, as a way for you to get more involved in Golden Key and to better know the other officers and members. >>**Presidents'**: page 2

## *Volunteer Throughout the Year with GK*

By Katherine Beattie  
*Co-Community Service Chair*

The red plastic cups again decorate the lawns on frat row; the cash registers at Ned's ring out their digital music; and Golden Key International Honour Society begins another year reaching out in service to our local communities. Hello, fellow GK members! My name is Katherine Beattie and I am one of GK's two Community Service Chairs.

This year Golden Key is planning

six community service events, three in the fall and three in the spring. Our community service events aim to provide fun and rewarding opportunities relevant to our members' divergent career interests. In addition to old favorites like Fairyland's Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree, we plan on adding new activities that will involve volunteering in a civic capacity and assisting in a healthcare environment.

In addition to providing volunteer opportunities, >>**Volunteer**: page 3

# Let's Get Social!

By Laura Coelho  
*Social Chair*

Welcome back Golden Key members! This year GK has a lot of great ideas and plans, which include fun social events to create a sense of community among our members.

As your new social chair I will be planning three FREE social events per semester using some ideas from past years, while integrating a few new ones. We will be doing activities such as: hiking to the Big C, potlucking in the park, visiting the Berkeley Art Museum, trying chocolate at the Scharffenberger Chocolate Factory, tasting Sake at Takara, eating tons of food and much more.



*Golden Key members at the Big C.*

I will also be continuing the prize system that began last year. That means that for each GK event you attend you will not only receive points, but will also receive a raffle ticket to win prizes at the last general meeting of each semester. If you attend more events, you will earn more raffle tickets and you will be more likely to win! So make sure to participate!

This year I also hope to connect

Berkeley GK members to other GK members throughout the nation and world by initiating a Pen Pal program. Look out for more information about this during the coming year!

I hope you all are as excited about GK as I am because it is going to be an amazing year! Don't forget to come to our social after the first general meeting on September 10th for fun activities and free food!

## **Presidents'**: from page 1

Golden Key has also developed a point system to reward those members who demonstrate a solid level of dedication and commitment to the organization. When you reach Silver or Gold status on the point system, you are honored with honor stoles or honor cords upon graduation.

Active participation will also benefit you when applying for one of our scholarships at the end of the year. Last year, we rewarded *eight \$200 scholarships* to chapter members, for which chapter involvement was a key factor in the selection process. Lastly, we also have some great raffle prizes that we will be giving out at select events. So come out to as many of the Golden Key events as you can this semester and get plugged in! Don't miss these great opportunities!

## The Tools for Success

By **Konniam Chan**  
*Academic and Professional Chair*

As the Academic and Professional Chair, I am committed to coordinating workshops aimed at increasing your probability in getting into the best graduate schools and landing your dream job. Because we want to organize workshops that are beneficial to you, we welcome any suggestions that would help us improve them. Please check the website for contact information.

Golden Key hosts a variety of academic and professional workshops with the help of the Career Center and businesses such as Kaplan and the Princeton Review. The focus of these workshops

ranges from graduate school (Personal Statement Workshops), to job search (Summer Internship Workshops), to personal growth (Finance 101 Workshops).

For the first event of the 2008-2009 school year, we have organized a Personal Statement Workshop. It will be held at 6PM on Wednesday, September 17th, 2008, location TBD. Other events throughout the semester will focus on improving your skills in networking with potential employers and fine-tuning your interview techniques. These events are great opportunities for gaining that slight edge needed in your graduate school and job applications. We highly encourage all of you to attend. See you there!

## Honorary Members Events: Meet the Professor

By **Derrick Knapik**  
Honorary Member Chair

Golden Key is looking to build upon the success we enjoyed last semester with stimulating Honorary Member lectures and dinners, and the introduction of three new distinguished UC Berkeley professors to Golden Key's registry of Honorary Members. Honorary Members are professors, campus advisors, and community service leaders who have proven themselves exceptional in their careers in education and helping others. Our goal is to include Honorary Members in Golden Key events as a way of bringing our student members in closer contact with these academic profes-



*Honorary member lecture by Professor Muir.*

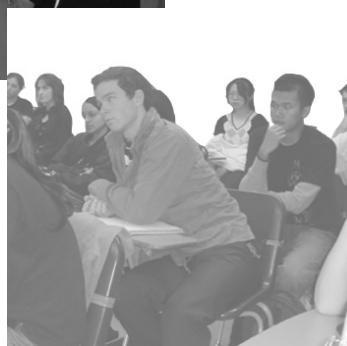
sionals, so students can get to know them on a more personal level.

Last semester, our Honorary Member events included lectures by Professors Caroline Kane and Marian Diamond, a dinner with Professor

Darren Zook, along with the welcoming of new Honorary Members: Professors John Hayes, Anthony Adamthwaite, and Robin Einhorn. This semester, we will again be holding two lectures and one dinner that will be paid entirely by Golden Key. Dates are tentative at this point, but be

sure to check our website for updates regarding the names and dates of our Honorary Member lectures. Remember, Honorary Member lectures are open to ev-

eryone, but the dinner is reserved for only students who have been invited to be members of Golden Key.



### Volunteer: from Page 1

Golden Key is also continuing the Better World Book Drive that was very successful last year thanks to our amazing members' support. The schedule is still tentative for the year, so if you have any favorite volunteer activities that you would like us to consider, please email me at [kbeattie@berkeley.edu](mailto:kbeattie@berkeley.edu).



In addition to the good feeling you get from helping others, you earn 10 points toward your membership status for each community service event you attend.

When you donate a book to the Better World Book Drive, you receive 5 points per textbook (in good condition), up to a maximum of 20 points for the year. Soon there will be a carton located in the Student Learning Center where books can be dropped off anytime the building is open. Nearby will be a sign-up sheet for you to record how many books you have donated.



*GK volunteers at Fairyland's Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree.*

We are all very fortunate to have the opportunities that we have been given and these events provide us a chance to give back. We look forward to seeing you all at

many events during the year. Keep an eye out for Golden Key email updates on the dates and meeting places for our community service events. Show your Cal spirit and volunteer!

# Points and Rewards

## Upcoming Events

Get ready for another semester full of great GK events!

### Personal Statement Workshop

6PM, Wednesday, Sept. 17  
Location TBA

### GK's Golden Potluck in the Park

11AM, Sunday, October 5  
Willard Park

### 2nd General Meeting

6pm, Wednesday, Oct. 8  
123 Wheeler

### 3rd General Meeting

6pm, Wednesday, Nov. 5  
123 Wheeler

### BAM Tour

1PM, Sunday, Nov. 9  
Meet at Berkeley Art Museum

The Golden Key point system is all about rewards. As you listen to the invaluable advice of honored faculty members, you earn 5 points. As you develop your own academic knowledge or career skills in our workshops, you earn 10 points. While you build up your own professional foundations and have lots of fun at our Golden Key events, you also gain access to many exclusive GK programs.

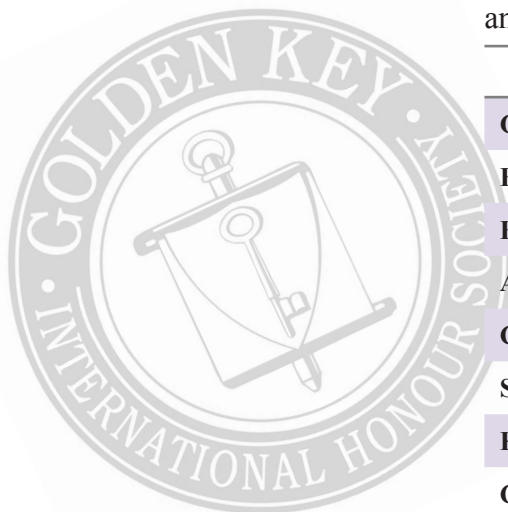
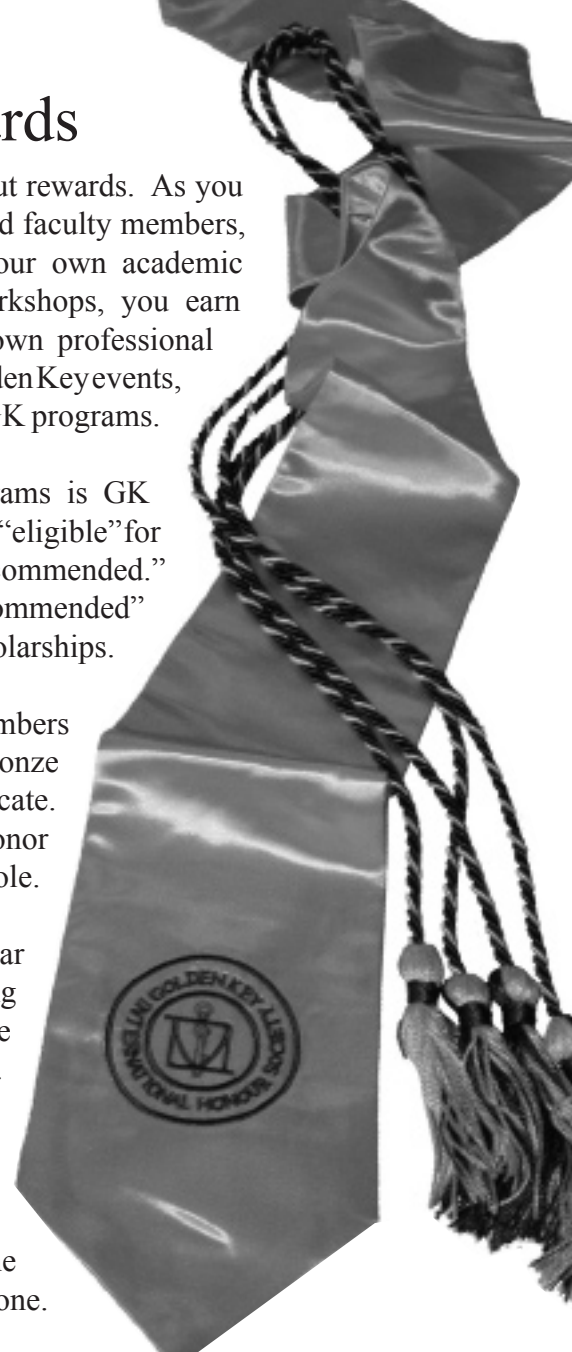
One of the many exclusive GK programs is GK scholarship granting. Bronze members are “eligible” for scholarships, and silver members are “recommended.” Gold members are “highly recommended” for Golden Key’s yearly scholarships.

In addition to scholarships, active members receive recognition upon graduation. Bronze members will be awarded with a certificate. Silver members will obtain an Honor Cord, and gold members an Honor Stole.

Points are accumulated on a one-year basis with rollovers from fall to spring term, and awards and scholarships will be presented at the end of the spring term.

Points required for each level of membership are: **Bronze**-50 points; **Silver**-100 points; **Gold**-150 points. The following is the list of events and the points awarded for participation at each one.

Please contact [goldenkey@berkeley.edu](mailto:goldenkey@berkeley.edu) if you have any questions regarding the GK point system.



Event	Points Awarded
General meeting	5
Flyering or Tabling	5/hour
Honorary Member Event	5
Academic/Professional Development	10
Community Service	10
Social	10
KeyNotes Article	10
Concepts Article	15
Committee Involvement	20
International/Regional Conference	20
Freshmen Mentoring	30



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