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Presidents' Update



By Sonia Lin and Michelle Louie
Co-Presidents

With the arrival of second midterms and the chilling autumn air, we are reminded that the end of the semester is drawing ever closer. At Golden Key, we hope that you have enjoyed the various events we have organized for you and will continue to join us for the few activities we have left this semester.

Over the past two months, Golden Key has helped clean up the Berkeley Marina, learned how to write a strong personal statement, and perfected the art of networking. We have volunteered our time and services at Children's Fairyland

Jamboree, held a picnic potluck, and had the opportunity to hear a scintillating lecture given by renowned Near Eastern Studies professor, John Hayes.

With a little more than a month left, Golden Key still has several upcoming events. We will be hosting our annual Sophomore Recognition Ceremony, touring the Chinese Contemporary Art exhibit at BAM, and helping out with the Berkeley Project.

Continue checking our website and emails as more details become available. We strongly encourage you to find ways to get involved and invite any feedback so we can create more events that cater to your interests! Go Bears and good luck on your exams!

Golden Key Members Lend a Helping Hand



By Angela Yu
Co-Community Service Chair

One of the most rewarding events happening with Golden Key are all the volunteer opportunities we host throughout the year. This semester's volunteering events have been a blast. From the Berkeley Marina clean up, to Make

a Difference Day, to GK's freshman mentorship program, Golden Key members have demonstrated their great enthusiasm to help their community.



GK officers picking up trash at Berkeley Marina.

GK's first volunteering event took off with International Coastal Clean-up day at the Berkeley Marina on September 26th. After an informative clean-up orientation, we set off to clean up the area around

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goldenkey.org

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goldenkey.berkeley.edu

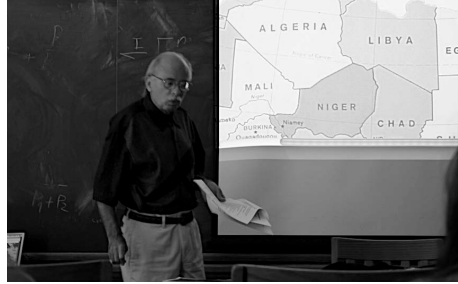
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Cal's Finest Professors Up Close and Personal



By Derrick Knapik
*Honorary Member
Chair*

Very few can match the enthusiasm of Professor John Hayes, who, on October 1st, treated Golden Key members to an interesting and informative lecture on demystifying common misconceptions about the Middle East. Professor Hayes spoke from his personal experiences about traveling through this largely misunderstood region of the world as a means of shedding light on how life is actually like for those living in the countries of the Middle East. Through images and attempted song, he took us on a pictorial tour of some major cities. Professor Hayes

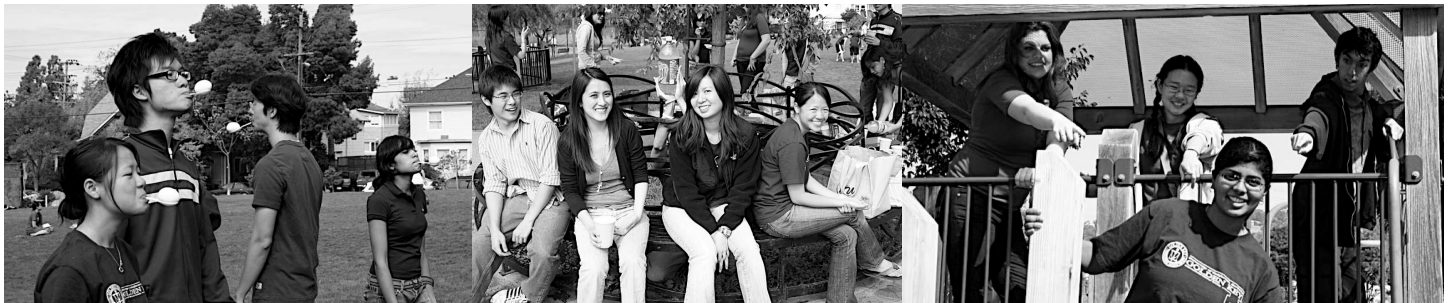


Professor John Hayes discussing what life is really like in the Middle East.

then answered various questions from Golden Key members, going in-depth about his experiences and sentiments concerning issues such as oil and terrorism. This was just the first Golden Key Honorary Member Lecture of the semester. Up next, Professor Christina Maslach will give the second Honorary Member Lecture on November 19, at 7pm.

Check out the Golden Key website as the title of the lecture, along with the room number, will be announced shortly. In addition to our second lecture, Golden Key will also be hosting a dinner during the month of November with political science professor, Darren Zook. The dinner is free to those who attend and information regarding this dinner will be provided at our third general meeting. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve a spot as soon as possible.

Reminder: Golden Key's Honorary Member lectures are open to both members and non-members, but the dinner is set-aside for Golden Key members only.



GK members enjoying a potluck at Willard Park.

Relaxing with Golden Key



By Laura Coelho
Social Chair

Hola GKers! Have you been down? Stressed out? Just hating midterms? ME TOO! That's why I love GK. There are so many ways to de-stress. One way is by going to GK SOCIAL EVENTS!!! For example, this past October, we had our very first potluck- Golden Key's Golden Potluck in the Park. It was a fun filled afternoon at Willard Park with good company and delicious food. Who knew that so many GK members were clos-

et culinary geniuses? YUM! And if you didn't come, you missed one of the most exciting egg walk competitions ever seen at Berkeley- participants held raw eggs aloft on spoons in their mouths as they looped trees and overcame muddy holes in the grass. It was quite an obstacle course! BUT, don't worry if you couldn't make the last social event because there is still one more to come this semester.

On November 9th at 1PM, we will be taking a tour

of the Contemporary Chinese Art Exhibit at Berkeley's Art Museum (BAM) on Bancroft. This tour will be followed by a meet and greet with members of the BAM staff as well as FREE SNACKS and TEA TASTING!!! There are only 25 spots open, so be sure to sign up at the next general meeting. It will not only be a great time to earn points, but I guarantee it will also be loads of fun! Interesting art, friendly people, GK points, what more could you ask for?

Learning the Art of Mingling



By Konniam Chan
Academic and Professional Chair

Collaborating with the Pre-Med Honor Society, Psi Chi, and Kaplan, Golden Key sponsored a seminar focused on the art of networking and asked Marti Takimoto, Director of New Students Program, to speak. He stressed the importance of being comfortable mingling with strangers and provided valuable advice on the preparation and execution of the networking strategy. One of the essential elements is a strong hand-



Marti Takimoto discussing how to meet and greet new acquaintances.

shake. A good handshake consists of both people firmly matching their v-shaped hands for a few seconds while exchanging introductions. Afterwards, we practiced shaking hands and meeting new people. Regarding the actual mingling, Mr. Takimoto advocated the separation of eating and talking for novices. Mingling should come after all eating is done. These are just a sample of the useful tips covered. Join us at our next AP event to meet more speakers as inspiring as Mr. Takimoto.



Cake for Sophomore Recognition. Inset Top: Alex de Guia with GK member. Inset Bottom: GK officers mingling with potential new GK members, telling them about GK.

Golden Key Recognises Cal's Top Outstanding Sophomores



By Kenneth Tsang
Treasurer

Sophomore Recognition is an event Golden Key holds every fall semester to recognize and celebrate the achievements of UC Berkeley's sophomores in the top 15% of their class. This year's event on November 2nd was no different with everyone enjoying an amiable event with food and mingling.

The ceremony began with introductory words from Co-President Michelle Louie, followed by Co-President Sonia Lin's overview of what Golden Key is all about. Next, Derrick Knapik explained the role of Honorary Members in Golden Key and the opportunities to connect with faculty that Honorary Member events provide. Derrick then introduced Alex de Guia, our advisor and Assistant Director at the Student Learning Center on campus, who delivered the KeyNote address. Alex discussed what educators term the "sophomore slump" and proposed instead that it should be called the "sophomore jump." Drawing on personal experience, he told the

attending sophomores that this year was a transitional period for them, which would lead them to discover future goals and aspirations. In addition to telling them that they have much to look forward to in their college careers, he also advised the sophomores to treat themselves well so that they will get through their undergraduate years in good shape.

Afterwards, Angela Yu and I read out the names of each of the present sophomores to recognize and commend them for their achievements. They received a hearty round of applause and encouragement to keep up their grades and join Golden Key next fall. Finally, Konniam Chan, our Academic and Professional Chair, closed the ceremony, informing our guests about the events Golden Key has planned for the rest of the semester and inviting them to join us.

After the ceremony, the officers and current members mingled with the sophomores as everyone feasted on delicious refreshments. Many of the sophomores stayed and were able to speak with Alex and meet the officers. We look forward to inducting these bright and upcoming juniors in the future!

Upcoming Events

3rd General Meeting
6pm, Wednesday, Nov. 5
123 Wheeler

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

Berkeley Project
Saturday, Nov. 15
Location TBD

**Professor Christina Maslach
Lecture**
7 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 19
Location TBD

Adding Up Points

Get involved with Golden Key and earn points! Also, note that we've doubled the number of points earned for community service events. Thank you to those who have helped us help the community.

General Meeting: 5 points

Flying or Tabling:

5 points/hr

Honorary Member Event:

5 points

Academic/Profession Development: 10 points

Community Service: 20 points

Social: 10 points

KeyNotes Article: 10 points

Concepts Article: 15 points

Committee Involvement:
20 points

Freshmen Mentoring:
30 points

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the beautiful Marina.

On October 26th, our Berkeley Golden Key chapter participated in Make a Difference Day where Golden Key chapters from all over the country join together to participate in various community service projects. Our fantastic members volunteered at Children's Fairyland Jack O'Lantern Jamboree where we passed out delicious treats like popcorn, ice cream, chocolate milk, and lollipops to cute kids in costumes.

The next community service project will be Berkeley Project where student organizations from all over campus will volunteer at various sites throughout the city of Berkeley. GK will be



GK members helping with the Coastal Cleanup at the Berkeley Marina on September 26th.

so far this semester! The success of these events would not have been possible without all of your participation and help. I encourage all of you to continue volunteering outside of Golden Key for the fun and rewarding experience of giving back to your community. As GK members, we know you have the smarts, now its up to you to show your heart. Go Bears!

forming our very own team and will hopefully be able to contribute our part to this wonderful event on November 15th.

Thank you to all those who participated in Golden Key's volunteer events

Golden Key at Graduate School Fair



By Jenny Cheng
Public Relations Chair

From October 8th to 9th, Golden Key participated in the Graduate School Fair as a proud co-sponsor with the Career Center. Graduate School Fair invited many representatives from prestigious graduate schools to answer Cal students' questions on graduate degrees offered, application process, etc. Many GK members and officers volunteered at the two-day event. Our main jobs included greeting the grad school representatives when they arrived and answering any of their questions, scanning

students' IDs at the door, and setting up information tables for each representative. It was a lot of fun since we not only got to learn about many graduate schools from across the US, but also had the chance to personally introduce ourselves and network with the graduate school representatives.

If you are planning on applying to graduate schools but missed out on this grad school fair, don't worry! Just volunteer and network with all the grad school representatives next year! In addition, Golden Key has been and will continue hosting many grad school events, such as a personal statement workshop and a networking workshop. Come and join us!



The Golden Key Mission

To build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through leadership, career development, networking and service.