Golden Key Inducts New Members

By Anne Bozack, KeyNotes Editor

On Saturday, March 18, over 70 UC Berkeley’s top students gathered to officially become members of Golden Key International Honour Society. With a view of campus and the Campanile from the Lipman Room of Barrows Hall, the UC Berkeley chapter hosted one of its largest and most important events of the year, the annual Induction Ceremony.

Each year the UC Berkeley chapter invites the top 15 percent of students with junior and senior standing to join Golden Key and be honored at the Induction Ceremony. As well as new members, friends, family, and Honorary Members also attended the ceremony.

The Induction Ceremony opened with an introduction to the society by Co-Presidents Catherine Ho and Andrew Yew. Honorary Member Associate Vice Chancellor Richard Black followed with the keynote address encouraging new members to be proud of their Golden Key membership and continue to strive for excellence. In addition to recognizing the new student members, three Honorary Members were inducted into Golden Key. Professors Zook of Political Science, Abrams of Public Health, and Goodman of English became the newest Honorary Members to be selected by Golden Key members. After the ceremony, new members and their guests, Honorary Members, and the Golden Key officers enjoyed refreshments and conversation.

The UC Berkeley chapter looks forward to meeting all its new members at meetings and events throughout the coming semesters and congratulates everyone on achieving Golden Key membership.

President’s Update

By Catherine Ho, Co-President

Alloa! Thank you, members, for your support so far this semester. We encourage both current and new members to get involved for the remainder of the year.

So far, we’ve had HM lectures with Professors Filippenko (on black holes) and Hinsshaw (on mental illness); you may all sign up for an upcoming HM dinner with Pro-

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Former Golden Key President Publishes Book

Jengyee Liang, former University of California Berkley chapter president, recently published HELLO REAL WORLD! A Student’s Approach to Great Internships, Co-ops, and Entry-Level Positions.

Having once served as the first KeyNotes Newsletter Editor in ’02-’03 and then as Co-President in ’03-’04, Jengyee Liang credits her success at four Fortune 100 companies in part to Golden Key.

Jengyee learned about her second internship opportunity when she was introduced to Merck, a Golden Key corporate sponsor at the international conference in Atlanta, GA in August of 2002.

She says, “I never would have learned about Merck otherwise because it is based on the East Coast. I was really fortunate to get that experience because I was looking for an internship out-of-state and had expected to end up in Texas rather than the East Coast.”

But Jengyee did not just get a taste for living on the East Coast, that summer provided a lot of good material for her book. Though the specific internship was not her ideal job, Jengyee appreciated her experience and shares her successes and challenges in HELLO REAL WORLD!

Jengyee also dedicates a full section of HELLO REAL WORLD! to the job hunt. “Students seem to be the most concerned with how to get the job, so I give you material to shine during an interview. Instead, your active involvement in Golden Key from owning a project and seeing to its completion will help you differentiate yourself from other job candidates.

For more information about HELLO REAL WORLD!, visit www.Hellorealworldd.com.

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Professor Kane (MCB) and attend our last HM lecture with Professor Jain (Chemistry). Three new HMs were inducted along with our new members at our recent Induction Ceremony.

We kicked off the semester with a pizza social, and among other things, we plan to do a Big C hike once the weather cooperates.

As for academic and professional development, members have learned to face medical school interviews from The Princeton Review and interacted with Triage Consulting, Target, and KPMG to learn about careers in consulting, human resources, and accounting. Look out for our upcoming graduate school personal statement workshop.

A huge part of GK’s mission to make an impact on the community. This semester, we’ve continued to work with the YMCA. As is tradition, we will have a booth at Eggster next month. We are also going to participate in the YWCA’s Shadow Day.

Check your inboxes for details regarding these upcoming events – hope to see you soon!

GK Challenge

One of the many advantages of Golden Key membership is becoming part of an international community. In addition to its chapters at universities across the United States, Golden Key has chapters in seven countries throughout the world. What countries are they?

Take the GK Challenge by emailing your answer to KeyNotes Editor Anne Bozack (annekb@berkeley.edu) by Tuesday, April 12th. Members submitting correct answers will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a GK prize at the April 13th General Meeting. Winners must be present to receive their prize.

(Hint: Check out the international website.)
The Key to Key Membership

By Anne Bozack, KeyNotes Editor

How can you make the most of your Golden Key membership? Just ask this semester’s Key Member, Hui-Wen Shih. The UC Berkeley Golden Key officers are happy to recognize Hui-Wen as an active member who displays GK values through her commitment to academics, chapter involvement, and community service.

Hui-Wen is third-year student double majoring in Chemistry and Nutritional Science with a Toxicology emphasis. She also participates in research as a member of two labs on campus. Hui-Wen plans to attend graduate school to study Organic Chemistry before pursuing a career in research.

When she is not busy on campus, Hui-Wen enjoys hanging out with friends, playing badminton, baking, and watching Korean dramas.

Hui-Wen has been a Golden Key member since her first year at Cal, inducted in Spring 2004. Since then she has attended numerous events including Honorary Member lectures, Eggster, and last semester’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Make A Difference Day.

"Hui-Wen is a very active member, despite how busy she is! I always see her at various events, and she is very helpful with the PR committee. I’ve truly enjoyed working with her and getting to know her," Public Relations Chair Diane Velasco commends.

Congratulations Hui-Wen for becoming Spring 2006 UC Berkeley Golden Key Key Member!

Adding Up Points

Participating in Golden Key events and meetings is a great way to get to know other members, practice your networking skills, and gain experience. As an added incentive, you also earn points towards active membership. The Berkeley chapter has three levels of active membership and accompanying benefits based on the number of points earned each semester:

**Bronze:** 20 points, “eligible” for scholarships, awarded a certificate

**Silver:** 40 points, “recommended” for scholarships, awarded an honor cord

**Gold:** 60 points, “highly recommended” for scholarships, awarded an honor stole

Members can earn points for attending meetings, participating in any type of event, or regional and international involvement:

**General Meeting:** 5 points

**Flyering or Tabling:** 5 points/hour

**Academic or Professional Development Event:** 10 points

**Community Service:** 10 points

**Honorary Member Lecture or Dinner:** 10 points

**Social:** 10 points

**Writing an article for KeyNotes:** 10 points

**Writing an article for Concepts magazine:** 15 points

**Public Relations Committee Involvement:** 20 points

**Attending an International or Regional Conference:** 20 points

If you have any questions about your membership status or the point system, just contact your Public Relations Chair Diane Velasco (dee7984@berkeley.edu).

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**GK Volunteers at the Downtown YMCA**

By Jonathan Hirschberg and Shelly Bian, Long-Term CS Chairs

Golden Key has previously been involved with the South Berkeley YMCA, located on 2901 California Street. This semester, however, we’ve decided to contact the Downtown Berkeley YMCA, at 2001 Allston Way, which is only a few blocks from the west edge of campus, making it easier for Golden Key members to volunteer. There are three ongoing volunteer opportunities, each of which involves working with the youth.

The first is mentoring at Berkeley High School, where volunteers assist high school seniors with learning disabilities who are at high risk for not graduating from high school. Our goal is to inform them of educational opportunities and help them plan for a brighter future.

The second is an opportunity to table for the Youth Support Campaign to increase awareness about the YMCA and what they do for the community. Programs include dance lessons, summer camp, swim and gym, mentoring, and other activities that do a great deal for the youth in the community. The available dates are 5-7 pm on 3/17, 3/23, and 4/4 for those interested.

Lastly, there is the opportunity to help compile an exit survey/report to improve YMCA membership.

Currently, few members have taken advantage of these opportunities. We strongly encourage you to get involved in the community and to help maintain our relationship with the YMCA while earning points towards active membership. If you’re interested, please email your Long-Term Community Service Chairs, either Jonathan Hirschberg (jhschbrg@berkeley.edu) or Shelly Bian (sbian@berkeley.edu).
Upcoming Events

Although this semester is nearing an end, there are still many great opportunities to become more involved in Golden Key. Remember to mark your calendars for these important dates:

Graduate School Essay Workshop
Thursday, April 6
6-7 PM, 254 Dwinelle
Brush up on your essay-writing with some tips especially for graduate school applications.

Sixth General Meeting
Wednesday, April 12
6 PM, 247 Dwinelle
Meet your fellow GK members and find out about upcoming events.

HM Dinner
Thursday, April 13
7 PM, Location to be announced
Get to know Prof. Carolyn Kane with dinner provided by Golden Key. Space is limited, so sign up in advance.

Eggster
Saturday, April 15
Time and location to be announced
Volunteer at the Golden Key booth and work with kids at this popular annual springtime community service opportunity.

Honorary Member Lecture
Tuesday, April 18
7 PM, Location to be announced
Professor Jain will provide a glimpse into the world of Chemistry.

Social Event
Thursday, April 20
Time and location to be announced
Hang out with GK, have fun, and earn points!

Cal Day
Saturday, April 22
Time and location to be announced
Show your GK pride while welcoming prospective students and community members to the Cal campus.

Seventh General Meeting
Wednesday, April 26
6PM, 247 Dwinelle
Come to the last GK meeting and event of the semester.

There are still many opportunities to earn points towards active membership before the semester ends. Watch for email updates about events or email goldenkey@berkeley.edu with any questions.

Relay for Life Connects Golden Key to the Community

By Jeff Liu, Member

Cancer, noun; it means malignant neoplasms characterized by the proliferation of anaplastic cells that undergo invasion to surrounding tissues and metastasis. But to rest of us, cancer means suffering, pain, helplessness; it means to watch a loved one passing away and a good friend withering. Emerging from the unhappy memories, there is solidarity: a celebration for those who triumph and a tribute to those who have fallen. The Relay for Life, a 24-hour walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is a high-spirited event where everyone in the community can join the fight against cancer. It is a day filled with fun, fellowship, and festivities. It is a time when people you know and people you don't know team up to raise public awareness about cancer in the community and to raise funds to find the cure.

This is the second year I am participating in this event at Berkeley. Through this program, I have had the chance to talk to cancer survivors, share stories, and absorb the enthusiasm and courage from all the participants. One of the hallmark events in the Relay for Life is luminaries. It evokes memories of those who have passed away due to cancer. Last year, there was a slide show of cancer victims and a tree of life event in which everyone who has lost someone to cancer signed their names on a piece of cloth shaped like a tree. Afterwards, hundreds of candles were lit around the track, each signifying a soul that was devoured by cancer. Walking around the track in complete silence, I could think of nothing but memories of the past. Besides deep remembrance, the Relay for Life also offers a variety of entertainment. Participants can enjoy live bands, dance lessons, Frisbee games, dance demonstrations, soccer games, and much more.

As an organizer this year, I can promise that it will be a lot of fun. We have a capture the flag tournament planned, some aerobic exercise, and various games. Also, the Relay for Life is a perfect opportunity to spread awareness of cancer, and tips in cancer prevention, everything from breast exams to healthy diet and exercise. The Relay for Life is a place to remember, to celebrate, and hopefully to learn something.

As a member of the proud family of Golden Key, I find what defines a person is not only academic achievements, but a commitment to the community as well. The Relay for Life is definitely a great place to show the Golden Key spirit. I really hope that my fellow members can represent Golden Key in this event. Each of us can only contribute a little in face of this disease, but together we can fight cancer. For more information or if you would like to volunteer at the Relay for Life on April 28-29 or form a walking team, email me at jeffliu_jy@berkeley.edu.

Last semester members walked to fight cancer on Make a Difference Day. 