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# Secretary's Story

Hello, my name is Harrison Orngard, and this is my Key Club story! My K-Family journey began in my freshman year with the Ames High School Key Club. As I enter my senior year and fourth year in the K-Family, I couldn't be more happy and thankful for the experiences and friendships I've made. During my freshman year, I initially had no intention of joining Key Club. However, I was warmly welcomed and encouraged to join my high school's Key Club by some of my closest friends, Carissa and Wenjun. Whether it was attending Fall Rally or participating in numerous fun service projects, I had a blast my freshman year due to Key Club. So much so, that I ran for the Vice President position of my Key Club. However, I would soon be discouraged to continue my Key Club journey, as unfortunately I was beaten by another candidate. Instead of quitting, I kept at it and made sure to pay close attention to the officers elected so that I could have a better chance the following year. Over the course of my Sophomore year, I also got the opportunity to more closely observe the work of friends on the District Board. I again had many great experiences and opportunities participating in my school's Key Club during this year. The following year, Carissa and Wenjun not only inspired me not only to run and win the Treasurer position of my school's Key Club, but also to obtain the Iowa At Large Lieutenant Governor position of the NE-IA District Board. My Junior year quickly became my most favorite year in Key Club, thanks to the expanding opportunities and experiences brought about by these leadership positions. I now look forward to a great year as president of the Ames High Key Club and secretary of the NE-IA district board. As I reflect upon my Key Club journey, I've learned the importance of staying adamant and persistent in pursuing my goals, despite the discouragement of failure.

Yours in service,

*Harrison Orngard*

NE-IA Secretary 2024-2025



# Editor's Note

Hello Key Club members,

My name is Owen Fitchhorn, and I'm so excited to serve as your 24-25 Nebraska-Iowa District Editor. As editor it is my main priority to inform all of you on what's going on in the district. Whether it be through the district's social media or through these seasonal bulletins it's important for all members to be updated. I hope you all enjoy my first edition of **Danny's Directory**, and always feel free to reach out with any questions.

## About Me

- I'm a rising senior at Woodbine High School.
- I served as the Area 4 LTG last term.
- I'm involved in Show Choir and Stuco
- I love plants and dystopian movies.



# Governor's Greeting

## Hello, Nebraska-Iowa Key Club!

My name is Wenjun, and I am honored to serve as your district governor this year! Since middle school, I was inspired to join Key Club after seeing how passionate my older high school friends were about this organization. My love for Key Club officially sparked after I ran for lieutenant governor of my area at District Convention during my freshman year.

After serving as lieutenant governor, I served as district bulletin editor, finally leading me to district governor this year. I'm so excited to grow our district by encouraging club members to participate in district events and help them discover their love for Key Club. Not only do I hope to expand our membership by chartering new clubs, but I also aim to increase engagement through frequent communication with our existing clubs. I look forward to getting in touch with all of you as the school year soon begins. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Yours in friendship and service,

*Wenjun Liu*



## About Me

- I'm a senior at Ames High School
- I love to bake!
- I've been dancing since I was 5
- I'm an only child
- My favorite artists are Frank Ocean and Chance Peña

# Governor's Project

This year, for my Governor's Project, I'm taking a different approach to the usual fundraiser model. I'm partnering with Schoolhouse, a Key Club International partner dedicated to reducing education inequalities. Schoolhouse is a platform founded by Sal Kahn (Yes, Kahn Academy, Sal Kahn) that allows students to tutor or learn various subjects. My project, **Learn and Lead Initiative: Nebraska-Iowa Key Club for Accessible Education**, encourages students to become tutors on Schoolhouse and boost Area spirit by hosting tutoring drives.

I'm hosting tutoring drives, a way for areas and clubs to compete in friendly competition for the most tutoring hours and involvement. This project mirrors a Key Club International campaign, Tutor-A-Thon, but on a district scale. I am waiting for Schoolhouse to send out resources to districts on how we can best support them, so stay tuned for more information!



# Committees

## Event Planning

**Teegan, Sophia, Owen, Lauren, Joley**

This committee works to plan and organize major district events; primarily Fall Rally and DCON.

## K-Family and International

**Hailey, Prisha, Ananya Bindu-Mirle, Harrison**

The K-Family and International Committee connects KCI partners to clubs and creates service projects directly benefiting those partners. They work to create relations between all members of the Kiwanis organization, e.g., K-Family week.

## Membership and Dues

**Ananya Oli, Kenneth, Jackson, Hailey**

This committee promotes the payment of clubs and develops strategies to increase membership. They work to charter new clubs and develop club officers.

## Strategic Planning

**Wenjun, Teegan, Ananya Bindu-Mirle**

This Committee is responsible for revising and making edits to the Strategic Plan to ensure it remains relevant and effective. Additionally, the committee reviews whether our district's activities align with the district plan, ensuring that all initiatives support our long-term goals and objectives.

# Committees Cont.

## Service

***Sophia, Harrison, Kenneth, Jasmine, Joley***

The service committee plans all service projects for board meetings and district events. They also create pamphlets of service ideas to share with clubs.

## Publicity, Promo, Participation

***Owen, Ananya Oli, Lauren, Prisha***

The PPP committee promotes all events and updates clubs on upcoming events. Keeping the social media up to date and creating flyers and promotional material are primary goals of this committee.

## Sponsorships

***Jackson, Teegan, Jasmine, Ananya Bindu-Mirle***

The sponsorship committee requests sponsorships from suitable businesses. They also help aid other board members as well as club members in requesting sponsorships.



# Fall Rally

Get excited for Fall Rally, the district kick-off event of the service year! Fall Rally is a fantastic opportunity to meet Key Club Members from across the district, make new friends, and learn more about Key Club. This year, we're thrilled to announce that we'll be hosting multiple Fall Rallies by area once again. This approach ensures that Fall Rallies are closer to club members, making it easier for everyone to attend and participate. Check out your Fall Rally's location and date below.

| Areas | Location                                 | Date and Time |
|-------|--|---------------|
| 1 & 2 | Roca Berry Farm                          | Oct. 12       |
| 3 & 4 | 444 Riverfront Plaza,<br>Omaha, NE 68102 | Oct. 3        |
| 5     | Wesley Place,<br>Spirit Lake, IA         | Oct. 12       |
| 6     | Adventureland Park,<br>Altoona, IA       | TBD           |
| 7     | Cedar Rapids<br>Bowling Alley            | TBD           |

\*all subject to change, more info will be sent out later!

# ICON 2024

## Atlanta Recap

Nebraska-Iowa had an amazing time at the Key Club International Convention in Atlanta! From inspiring sessions to unforgettable experiences, it was truly a blast. A huge congratulations to our very own Carissa Andorf for being elected as Vice President of Key Club International!

We also enjoyed exploring Atlanta, with memorable visits to the Coca-Cola Museum and the Georgia Aquarium. The memories we made will last a lifetime!

**Carissa Andorf** - Distinguished District Governor  
**Taylyn Angus** - Distinguished District Secretary  
**Wenjun Liu** - Distinguished District Bulletin Editor  
**Cassidy Bell** - RFL Distinguished LTG  
**Lilly Frideres** - Global Leadership Certificate  
**Outstanding Faculty Advisors**  
Dr. Sarah Staples-Farmer,  
Meg Frideres, Sarah Cox, Cythia Gillette



Go for Gold!

# International Update

## 2023-2024 International Board

**President** - David Robaina

**Vice President** - Carissa Andorf

**Trustees** -

|                  |                       |               |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Ariana Lee       | Armin Sedghi          | Aspen Hess    |
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| Lina Mousa       | Mohammed Ali Al-Sabeh | Nicole Bunag  |
| Nidhi Rao        | Sunny Sandhui         |               |

## Message from our NEW I-President!

Hi Nebraska-Iowa!

My name is David Robaina, and I'm thrilled to serve as the 2024-2025 Key Club International President. I joined Key Club as a freshman, and after three years of serving my community and meeting incredible students from all over the world, I am committed to ensuring that every member has the same opportunities I had to find a home in this organization.

I can't wait to see what Nebraska-Iowa accomplishes this year!

Yours in Service,

*David Robaina*



## International Dues Increase

At the recent Key Club International Convention, members collectively decided to increase dues by \$3. Additionally, it was agreed that every four years, dues will be adjusted based on inflation to ensure the organization can continue to provide valuable resources and support to its members.

## Youth Opportunities Fund

The first cycle of YOF Grant applications is due October 15! The grant ranges from \$250 to \$2,000 to support a Key Club's service project. This fund is a fantastic opportunity to jump-start a service project your club has wanted to pursue. Visit [this link](#) for more information regarding qualifications.

# Key Club International

## Service Partners

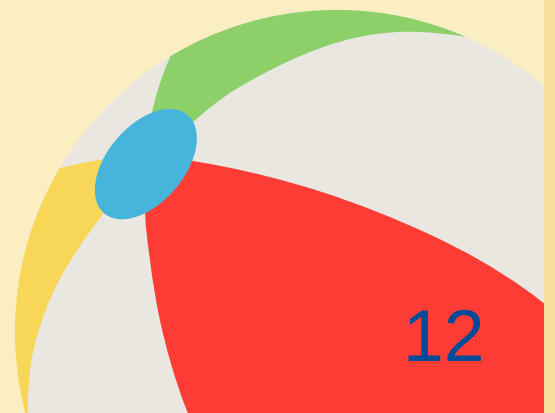


### Erika's Lighthouse

Erika's Lighthouse's mission is to ensure that no young person feels alone in their depression. This nonprofit organization encourages good mental health and strives to break down the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

### Schoolhouse

Want to make an impact and have fun while doing it? Looking for a service project that you can complete from the comfort of your bedroom? Key Club has partnered with Schoolhouse to bring free tutoring to thousands of learners worldwide!



# Key Club International

## Preferred Charities

### Thirst Project

Thirst Project hopes to educate the next generation by arming students with information about how they can be a part of social change, make a difference and encourage others to join in the effort.



### UNICEF

UNICEF is the only organization of the United Nations dedicated exclusively to children. Working with other United Nations bodies, governments and non-governmental organizations, UNICEF helps to provide for children's needs in more than 150 developing countries through community-based services in primary health care, basic education and safe water and sanitation. KCI's partnership with UNICEF supports the **Major Emphasis: Children: Their Future, Our Focus.**

### How can your club help support KCI partners?

You can help support KCI partners and charities by hosting fundraisers, educating your home club about these resources, and participating in events hosted by these partners. For example, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is a popular way for clubs to support UNICEF! Additionally, as mentioned above, the Governor's Project supports Ericka's Lighthouse this year.



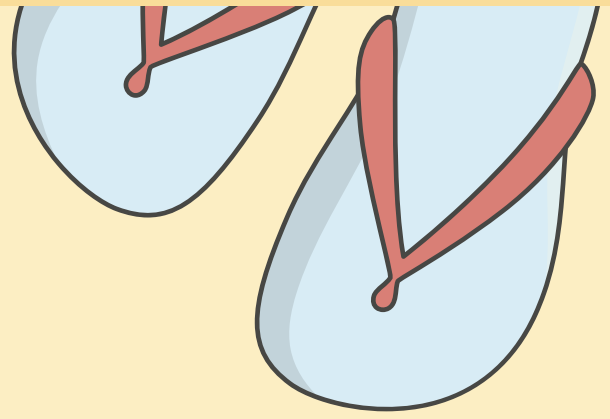
# Club Spotlight

Nevada Key Club members gathered various items and used funds from their budget to create hygiene kits, which were then donated to a local homeless shelter. The primary aim was to provide essential hygiene supplies to homeless individuals in nearby communities, addressing a critical need. A representative from the homeless shelter attended their meeting, sharing insights about their facilities and the importance of the donation. For future projects, they aim to ensure an equal amount of supplies for each item to create even more complete kits.



# Key Dates

Summer → Fall



## August

1 ----- Newsletter from LTG

## September

1 ----- Newsletter from LTG

## October

1 ----- Newsletter from LTG

15 ----- YOF Grant due

TBD ----- Fall Rallies

## November

1 ----- Newsletter from LTG

1-3 ----- Key Leader Camp  
( Ogden, IA)



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- stay connected -

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Yours in service,

*Owen Fitchhorn*

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