# Surfing into Service DCON 2025 NE-IA KEY CLUB



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# KEY CLUB PLEDGE

"I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and world; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions."

# **CONNECT WITH US**







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to be featured in the
DCON video at the
Farewell Ceremony!

# 2025 Key Club DCON Code of Conduct

Key Club members, adult advisors, and invited guests are expected to demonstrate behavior consistent with the high ideals of Key Club and should abide by the provisions of this Code while in attendance at any Key Club International, and District event. Every member will respect the authority of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, Key Club administrators and designated staff.

- 1. All participants are expected to abide by all government laws and regulations.
- 2. Members must respect the personal property of others as well as the property of ony meeting or lodging facility. The placing of signs or messages on the windows of the hotel rooms is prohibited. No material may be affixed to any hotel walls. Any damage caused by a member muft be paid for by that member.
- 3. Members may not possess or consume any type of alcoholic beverages.
- 4. Members may not possess or use ory drugs or other controlled substances, with the exception of medication prescribed for the attendee.
- 5. Members may not possess or use tobacco products.
- 6. Members are expected to abstain from any activity of a sexual nature.
- 7. Members are expected to not tolerate hazing or any action that creates unnecessary physical or mental discomfort, or embarrassment, harassment or ridicule of others.

All members are expected to abide by a curfew beginning at midnight and lasting until 5:00 a.m. Female members are not allowed in the room of any male member, and male members are not allowed in the room of any female member at any time. Violations of this Code will result in notification to the Nebraska-lowa Key Club District Administrator, district adult staff, or event chaperone. Administrators have the right to dismiss any attendee for any reason, without warning

Governor's Welcome

Nebraska-lowa Key Club,
welcome to our 67th
annual District Convention!
I welcome you all to Omaha
for a weekend of service
and leadership. The district
board and I have been busy
planning the best DCON for the
past few months, and I can't wait for
you all to experience what we have p

you all to experience what we have put together. I look forward to getting to know you all at our exciting workshops, election process, and general sessions featuring inspirational keynote speakers.

I'm genuinely inspired by all of your hard work and dedication to Key Club and everyone's passion for serving their communities. I can't think of a better way to celebrate this year's accomplishments than this fun weekend. Welcome again, and let's begin *Surfing into Service*.

Tovernor Wenjun

Yours in friendship and service,

# International Trustee

Mohammed Ali Al-Sabeh

Mohammed Ali Al-Sabeh (Moe Ali) is the International Trustee for districts Nebraska-lowa, Kansas, and Jamaica. Moe's home district is the Michigan District. He is one of 11 trustees on the International Board, alongside the International President and Vice President. Trustees act as the liaison between the international and district levels. Moe provides our district with resources from international that support any of our district's endeavors. He also serves on many committees on the international level. Our trustee is incredibly proud to serve Nebraska-lowa and excited to meet you all! If you see him throughout the weekend, feel free to introduce yourself!



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# Convention Dress Code

- 1. All participants are expected to abide by the designated dress code for each session.
- 2. "Professional" refers to dress shirt, necktie, sport or suitcoat, dress skirt or slacks, and appropriate shoes.
- 3. "Business Casual" refers to a collared shirt, dress, slacks, skirt and appropriate shoes.
- 4. "Casual" refers to shorts, skirts or jeans, collared shirts, sweatshirts, or appropriate tee-shirts and casual footwear.
- 5. At no time will any clothing with inappropriate language, or graphics be allowed, any shirts, shorts, or skirts deemed to be of inappropriate length will not be allowed.
- 6. All participants are required to wear name badges for all convention events.

### **Business Casual:**



### **Professional:**



# DISTRICT MAP

### Area 1

Columbus
Grand Island - 1
Kearney
Kearney Catholic
North Platte
Ogallala

### Area 2

Beatrice
Lincoln East - 17
Lincoln High
Lincoln NorthStar
Lincoln Southwest
Lincoln Southeast
Milford - 5

Seward

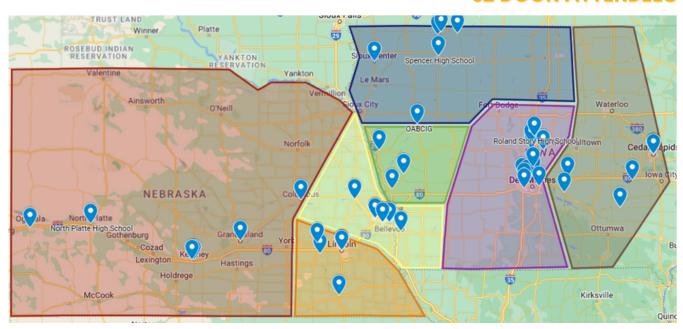
### Area 3

Bellevue East
Bellevue West
Fremont - 7
Glenwood
Omaha Westside
LaVista
LaVista South

### Area 4

Missouri Valley West Monona Woodbine – 3

### **62 DCON ATTENDEES**



### Area 5

Alta-Aurelia - 4
Estherville
Emmetsburg
Mason City Alternative - 2
OABCIG
Okoboji - 1

Spencer Spirit Lake – 2

### Area 6

Ames - 10 Nevada - 3
Adel-DeSoto- North Polk
Minburn - 1 Roland Story
Ankeny Southeast Polk - 1
Dallas CG Urbandale
DMS Lincoln

Gilbert

Johnston - 2

### Area 7

Kennedy
Linn-Mar- 3
Newton
Prairie
PCM
Sigourney
Williamsburg
Xavier

# **Key Dates**

### 2025

### **January:**



15-16 Kiwanis Int'l Board Meeting Indianapolis, IN

17-19 District DA Meeting Indianapolis, IN

### Feburary:

1 Kiwanis Children's Fund Scholarship Applications Due

10-14 K-Kids Week!

12-13 Kiwanis Children's Fun Board Meeting Indianaplis, IN

### March:

3-7 AKTION Club Week

17-21 Builder's Club Week

**21-23** Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District Convention Doubletree Hotel Omaha, NE

23 Happy 100th Birthday Key Club

### April

11-13 Nebraska-Iowa Key Club 25-26 Board Training, Council Bluffs, IA

23-26 Kiwanis Int'l Board Meeting Indianapolis, IN

### May

**1-4** Key Club Governors And Administrator Training Conference (GATC) Indianapolis, IN

**26** Memorial Day

### June

25 Kiwanis Int'l Board Meeting Indianapolis, IN

25 Children's Fund Board Meeting Indianapolis, IN

25-28 Kiwanis International Convention Pittsburgh, PA

29 - July 2 Nebraska-Iowa Key Club Pre-Convention Trip. Orlando, FL





# Key Dates



### July:

3-6 Key Club Int'l Convention Orlando, FL (Tour Dates: June 29-July 6)

4 Independence Day!

### **August:**

1-3 Fall Board Meeting (along with Kiwanis District Convention)
The Graduate Hotel, Lincoln, NE

### September:

1 Labor Day Holiday; Kiwanis International Office Closed

### October:

1 1st Day of the Kiwanis Year!

TBD Kiwanis Int'l Board Meeting

13-16 Kiwanis Youth Protection Week!

TBD Kiwanis Governor-Elect Traning

### November:

1 Kiwanis Children's Fund Scholarship Applications Due

TBD KEY CLUB WEEK

TBD Kiwanis Children's Fund Board Meeting Indianapolis, IN

30 Early Bird Key Club Dues Are Due December 1st!









### **JAMES MICHAEL BOWERS**

Executive Director of National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI )Nebraska Lincoln City Council Member

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. James Michael Bowers serves as the executive director of NAMI Nebraska. Since becoming the Executive Director in 2023, James has grown NAMI Nebraska to build chapters across the state, create and develop new programs for youth and families, and lifted NAMI Nebraska to be a leader and convener of mental health.

Born and raised in Northeast Lincoln, he was a social worker and mental health therapist in a variety of settings including; Northeast Lincoln's local schools, inpatient hospitals, community clinics, and in treatment facilities. James got his start in public service by volunteering at the Northeast Family Center, where he quickly moved to employee and then to board president. James has also served on the board of directors for Fresh Start and is currently the president of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health.

James Michael Bowers currently serves served on the Lincoln City Council to represent District 1 (Northeast Lincoln) when he was first elected in May of 2019.

James Michael Bowers uses his clinical knowledge and his background in policy to help ensure that NAMI Nebraska follows through on their mission by providing education, advocacy, and support to those impacted by mental illness.



### DR. LAWRENCE CHATTERS

# Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Capacity Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Dr. Lawrence Chatters is a visionary leader and strategist dedicated to fostering institutional transformation and expanding opportunities through strategic partnerships.

He currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Capacity at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, where he leads national efforts to strengthen the institutional capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In this role, he oversees strategic initiatives, grant administration, and transformative partnerships aimed at enhancing enrollment growth, student retention, financial sustainability, and faculty development.

Dr. Chatters holds a Ph.D. (2018) and a Master's degree (2004) in counseling psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

A lifelong advocate for service and leadership development, Dr. Chatters has been actively involved with Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis, reinforcing his commitment to fostering civic engagement and community impact among young leaders.

Dr. Chatters is a dynamic and future-focused leader who leverages his expertise to inspire change, build meaningful partnerships, and create innovative pathways for institutional success.

Fun facts, Dr. Chatters is also an international DJ and rap artist! We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Lawrence Chatters!







### LYNN DYER

### Trailblazer - Thirst Project

Thirst Project is a nonprofit organization that works with the support of young people to END the global water crisis by building freshwater wells in developing communities that need safe, clean drinking water. Key Club International has partnered with the Thirst Project to empower students to help with this cause.

Key Club and Thirst Project are teaming up to provide two communities in the Kingdom of eSwatini with clean water for LIFE! We're challenging every Key Club to host a walk for clean water for their school and community.

This is for ALL Key Club members to participate in. But don't stop there! Invite friends, family, classmates, and your local Kiwanis club to join you! Bring your Key Club, school, and local community together to walk 3.75 miles and raise \$25 each! 3.75 miles is the average distance walked to collect water by the 785 million people on our planet who lack access to safe, clean drinking water. Every \$25 raised gives one (1) person clean water FOR LIFE! Educate your friends and family about the journey that women and children have to take to fetch water. For more information, check out <a href="mailto:thirstproject.org/water-crisis">thirstproject.org/water-crisis</a>.

Lynn is a Trailblazer for the Thirst Project and educates and works with students on the water crisis. Be sure to check out her table throughout the weekend and attend her workshop on Friday night.



### Friday, March 21st



DRESS: Travel attire / Club T-Shirt or casual clothing



6:00 p.m. Dinner (Legacy Ballroom)

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Opening session with election meeting (Legacy Ballroom)

### **8:40 - 9:15 p.m.** Break-out Sessions:

- \* Vida/Restaurant: Deep Dive Discovery Scavenger Hunt Find Moo-Moo's hidden treasure in the hotel.
- \* Grover Meeting Space: Surfin' for Success -Running for Higher Office Learn more about how you are able to serve in higher office for your Club, your District and your International Board! \*Legacy Ballroom: Thirst Project with Guest, Lynn Dyer
- \* Front of Vida Restaurant: Faculty Advisor Meeting, learn how to better support your home club.

9:30 p.m. Social Time /Game Night & Trivia Games provided but attendees are invited to bring your favorite games also! (Legacy Ballroom)

12 a.m. Curfew

# Saturday, March 22nd

CANDIDATES: Business professional/formal. NON-CANDIDATES: Business Casual. The Awards Banquet is formal wear (homecoming or prom attire) for all. The social is casual.



- Included with TICKET for all overnight hotel Guests (Vida/Hotel Restaurant)
- 8:30 a.m. General Session
  - Welcome Message from John Boltz, NE-IA District Kiwanis Governor
- 9:00 9:45 a.m. Keynote address
  - James Michael Bowers (Legacy Ballroom)
- 10:00 10:20 a.m. Candidate Meet and Greet (Legacy Ballroom)







10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Break-out sessions

# Exploring the Sea - College 101 Grover Meeting Space

Learn from experienced board members about applying to college and scholarships



### Calm in the Storm

Back of Legacy Ballroom

Learn how to support mental health with Keynote James Michael Bowers.





# Pictionary Pirates Front of Legacy Ballroom

Join us in this battle-of-the-brains Key Club & ocean pictionary game







- 11:25 11:55 a.m. District Assembly Meeting
  - Introduction of candidates (Legacy Ballroom)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch with Keynote Speaker Intl. Trustee Mohammed Ali Al-Sabeh (Legacy Ballroom)
- 12:45 1:00 p.m. BREAK

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Break-out sessions



### Making Ripples with UNICEF **Grover Meeting Space**

Let's make ripples with UNICEF and promote early childhood development in Zambia!

### Surfside Essentials (Cont.)

Back of Legacy Ballroom

Join us to pack and donate hygiene bags to the Chandran's Yuva Foundation

### High Tide Heist - Escape Box

**Vida Restaurant** 

Connect with other members from the district and improve your team building skills!



- 2:00 p.m. General Session
  - Hear from your candidates! (Legacy Ballroom)
- 2:45 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 4:00 p.m. House of Delegates Voting Session
  - Candidates and Delegates enter Legacy Ballroom FRONT Regular members observe from BACK
- 4:00 5:30 p.m. Free Time (must stay within the hotel)
- 6:00 7:45 p.m. Dinner/Awards Banquet with Keynote Speaker Dr. Lawrence Chatters, FORMAL ATTIRE.
- 8:00 p.m. Pictures/Evening Social with Pie in Face & Key Club's 100th Birthday Party. Casual attire. (Legacy Ballroom)
- 12:00 a.m. CURFEW







# Sunday, March 23rd

CLOTHING: Business Casual for Retirement/Installation Session

### **SUNDAY**

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Included for all overnight hotel guests) in Vida/Hotel Restaurant with ticket

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 am. Retirement and Installation Ceremony (Legacy Ballroom)

11:00 a.m. Immediate Past and New Board Pictures (Lobby or Ballroom)

11:15 a.m. Meeting with retired board and newly elected board (Grover Meeting Space)

# International Convention

## Orlando, Florida: June 29th - July 6th

Key Club is marking 100 years of service, leadership, and making a difference in communities worldwide. Join us for our centennial celebration at the 2025 Key Club International Convention, and be a part of history!

- Participate in engaging workshops and hear from inspiring speakers.
- Forge lifelong friendships.
- Showcase your club and district projects.
- Help elect 2025-26 Key Club leaders and vote on amendments.
- Join us in honoring 100 years of service a century of dedication and excellence!

Join Nebraska-Iowa Key Club for our district tour from June 29th to July 2nd. We will visit Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, and more! On our tour, you will make friends from nine other districts.

The convention is held at the exciting Hilton Orlando Lake Beuna Vista Disney Springs. Be on the lookout for ways to fundraise and register soon!

# A CENTURY —— of —— SERVICE





### Key Club International Convention June 29-July 6, 2025 Orlando, Florida!



### **INCLUDED IN YOUR TRIP:**

- 7 Nights Hotel Stay at Hilton Orlando Buena Vista, FL (Disney Springs)
- Meals To Include All (6) Breakfasts
   (1) and (3) Dinners
- \$150 gift card to reimburse additional meal expenses THANKS TO SPONSORSHIPS FROM NEBRASKA-IOWA KIWANIS CLUBS!
- Convention Registration Included (\$265)
- 2 Days at Disney Parks With FAST Pass
- 1 Day at Disney Waterpark
  - \*\* AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED\*\*



\$1,020 PER PERSON / 4 SHARING \$1,139 PER PERSON / 3 SHARING \$1,375.00 PER PERSON / 2 SHARING \$2,085.00 PER PERSON / Single Room

100% refundable until 5/25/2025 DEPOSITS OF \$300.00 WILL SAVE YOUR SPOT FINAL PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 20, 2025

Cancellations will be based upon timing and loss to the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District

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SCAN THE OR CODE TO REGISTER





# ENCOURAGE ANOTHER KEY CLUB MEMBER!

THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S FUND HAS GRANTED
OUR DISTRICT THE FOLLOWING
BENEFITS BASED ON 17 TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS!

IF WE REACH OUR GOAL BY
5/1/2025, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE
DEDUCTED FROM YOUR FINAL
PAYMENT!!

\$350.00 per person for 1st Time Attendees \$250.00 per person for 2nd Time Attendees \$150.00 for 3rd Time Attendees \$100.00 for Key Club Members who are contributing to an International Committee



CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER!



# HOW TO RUN POP HIGHER OFFICE

### Positions to run for:

- Governor- in charge of District Board
- Secretary- takes minutes, collects Office Report Forms
- Bulletin Editor- runs social media and digital tasks
- Webmaster- creates website and updates area map
- Lieutenant Governors (LTGs)- assigned 1 of 7 areas to assist, serves as a liaison between club and district levels.
- At-Larges- assigned a state to assist

### STEP 1

Prepare a few short speeches before attending DCON to give at DCON to share why you would be the best candidate for the district board.

### STEP 2

**Attend District Convention** 

### STEP 3

Be prepared to answer questions and talk to delegates (Two members chosen from each club to vote).

### STEP 4

If elected, be prepared to sign an agreement with your parent/guardian AND advisor(s) to attend all meetings or events.

### **Election Process/Call for Candidates**

Any member considered to be in good standing may run for district office. All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the high ideals and expectations of Key Club International.

Candidates can run for the officers of Governor, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Lieutenant Governors for Areas 1–7, and endorsement for International Office.

- 1. Friday night and Saturday morning are the only opportunities for candidates to nominate themselves.
- 2. There is no limit to the number of candidates per school.
- 3. They must answer two questions, a serious question, and a fun question, chosen at random.
- 4. At the Candidate Meet and Greet on Saturday morning, candidates can bring campaign material such as posters and flyers.
- 5. At the District Assembly, each candidate will give a two minute speech and will be asked two questions. The candidates will have 45 seconds to answer each question and will have a warning when there are ten seconds left. All candidates must come to the microphone to state their name, grade, school, and the office they are seeking before speaking. All Key Club members in attendance at the convention are **REQUIRED** to attend this session.
- 6. All participants must wear their name tags to the assembly.
- 7. The Governor and International Trustee will be the moderators.
- 8. At the House of Delegates meeting, which all delegates are required to attend, candidates will have the opportunity to give a final two-minute speech and one minute to answer one question. After all candidates have spoken, the delegates will vote for each position on the District Board and on the International Endorsement candidates.
- 9. The new District Board and International Endorsement will be announced during the closing session on Sunday Morning.

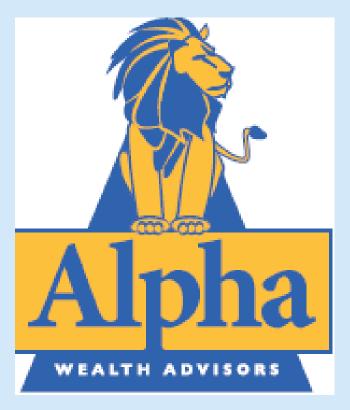
# PIE(D) FOR SERVICE

The Nebraska-Iowa District is hosting a pie in the face fundraiser to support Key Club International's Birthday Fundraiser. As part of the Centennial Challenge, they are raising money for the Youth Opportunities Fund, a grant funding Key Club service projects. Bring some spare change and pie a district board officer in the face!



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