The 2009-2010 Oklahoma State University officer team welcomes you to the Golden Key International Honour Society. Congratulations on being accepted to this prestigious honor society, and if you are a returning member, welcome back. We are excited to begin a new semester of Golden Key activities, and we invite you to be an active participant.

In order for our members get to know the Golden Key officers a little, we will be highlighting one officer in a short biography in each month’s newsletter.

We are also in the process of redesigning our chapter web page, so be sure to check back soon for the new and improved design.

2009-2010 Officer Team

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Golden Key is the world’s premier collegiate honor society, recognizing outstanding academic achievement and connecting high-achieving individuals locally, regionally & globally with lifetime opportunity, reward & success.

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The 2009-2010 officers of the Oklahoma State University chapter of Golden Key
Meeting Icebreaker

Find another member who fits each of the categories listed below.

1. You have read all seven Harry Potter books
2. You are planning to go to the OSU v. Georgia football game
3. Your birthday is on a holiday
4. You have never been inside Gunderson Hall
5. This is your first Golden Key meeting
6. You are from out-of-state
7. You have an unusual pet
8. Your favorite hobby is reading
9. You work on campus
10. You have traveled abroad
11. You are an only child
12. You are an officer in another club
13. You are graduating this semester
14. You play an instrument
15. Find someone else from your college

Calendar of Events

- September 2
  first general meeting
  Hideway Pizza 6 p.m.

- September 2
  membership drive kickoff

- September 26
  Grambling State tailgate
  Gunderson Lawn 11 a.m.

- October 7
  general meeting
  Hideway Pizza 6 p.m.

- November 4
  general meeting
  Hideway Pizza 6 p.m.

- November 13
  membership drive ends

- November 20
  induction ceremony
  Wes Watkins Center 7 p.m.

- December 2
  general meeting
  Hideway Pizza 6 p.m.

Grambling State Tailgate

The OSU Golden Key Chapter will be setting up its annual tailgate at the OSU v. Grambling State football game Saturday, Sept. 27. Come look for our blue and yellow Golden Key tent and banner on the Gunderson Lawn starting at 11 a.m.

We will be having food and refreshments, and hope to see both current members and alumni come out to support Golden Key and OSU football.

Please note that the time is subject to change depending on game time.

International Conference

The Golden Key International Conference, held in Orlando, Fl., this past July, was a huge success. More than 500 Golden Key members attended, the most attendees in 4 years. They contributed over 1,600 hours of community service and offered almost 40 workshop sessions.

The OSU Golden Key chapter advisor, Linda Dunbar, attended this conference.

Be on the lookout for information about the 2010 Golden Key International Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah!
Reading Buddies

Golden Key is a literacy-based honor society with the goal of promoting reading skills and availability of books to young people.

OSU Golden Key’s literacy project is a program called Reading Buddies.

We have formed a partnership with the Stillwater elementary schools that enables Golden Key members to earn volunteer hours by reading to elementary students.

This program allows young children to find role models in college students and find a love of reading at the same time.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact our service director, Andrea Hiler, at andrea.hiler@okstate.edu for more information.

Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive begins on Wed., Sept. 3. The Golden Key membership drive is designed to encourage students to accept their invitation to join the honor society.

During the membership drive, the Golden Key officers will set up information booths in the Student Union to answer any questions prospective members might have.

Current members may also buy t-shirts and honor cords at these information booths.

If you are a current member and know any friends who have received an invitation or believe they meet the qualifications for Golden Key, please encourage them to join.

The membership drive ends Fri., Nov. 13, one week before the induction ceremony. This year’s induction ceremony will be held in the Wes Watkins Center, Nov. 20.

Payne Co. Book Drive

Each year, the OSU Golden Key chapter organizes a book drive to support the Payne County Youth Shelter.

We will be collecting children’s books through the end of November, to be given to the shelter in time for the Christmas holiday.

Our target age and reading level is 12 years and under, but if you have teen and young adult books that you would like to donate, we would gladly accept them as well.

You may drop off your donation at any general meeting, or at the Golden Key desk in the basement of the Student Union.

Remember, for every donation, you will receive points on your Golden Rewards card. Please direct questions to our service director, Andrea Hiler.

Scholarships and Awards

The Golden Key scholarships and awards online registration process opens Sept. 1, 2009. At this time, members will be able to register their applications online.

Each year, Golden Key gives away more than $500,000 in member scholarships and awards.

Deadline dates for the 2009-2010 academic year are posted on the Golden Key website.

2009 deadlines include:

- Ford Engineering Scholarships Oct. 15, 2009
- Ford Business Scholarships Oct. 15, 2009
- Golden Key Research Grants Oct. 15, 2009
- Study Abroad Scholarships Oct. 15, 2009
- Chapter Service Awards Nov. 1, 2009

Meet your GK president

Ana Gessel has dedicated her time to improving the OSU Golden Key chapter.

Ana, a double major in animal science and biochemistry, joined Golden Key as a sophomore. She stepped up to the role of president her junior year, splitting her time between club activities and the rest of her busy schedule.

The Richardson, Texas, native has been a member the OSU cowboy marching band since freshman year, as well as a member of the Pre-Vet Club and Horseman’s Association.

Ana is applying to veterinary school this year, with hopes of continuing her education at the University of Florida.

Her plans for senior year include completing a Wentz research project in mammalian physiology, continuing her work as Golden Key president and completing a term as Pre-Vet Club secretary.

If you wanted to find someone that embodies the essence of the Golden Key mission, Ana Gessel would be that person.

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