

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

MARCH 2006



Important Dates:

Market Wednesdays:
Every Wednesday

Golden Opportunities:
March 25th, 1:00pm

Sophomore Reception:
March 29th, 7:00pm

Social: Day at the Res:
April 2nd, 12:00pm

Relay For Life:
March 31st-April 1st

General Meeting:
April 5th, 6:00pm

Princeton Review
Practice Test Session:
April 8th



Check out our website at:
www.fsugoldenkey.com

Hello again, Golden Key Seminoles!

I would like to begin by thanking all of the members who attended the February General Meeting - the meeting was especially successful because of your participation. We received many excellent evaluations and it seems that the experience was enjoyable, especially having Jody Spooner take the time to speak to us about scholarships. Please let us know if any of you are going to apply for a Golden Key scholarship, as we will be able to help you with the process.

This month, our chapter will be focusing on our Membership Drive. This is one of the most vital elements of the organization; this is when we reach out to students who will likely be eligible for membership in the Fall so when we invite them they will know to join. It is important that we present Golden Key as well as possible to these students and I believe that our Active Members are the key to our success.

There are three events that will allow plenty of opportunity for Active Member involvement. We will begin by having a table in the Union on select Wednesdays to answer questions of interested passers-by. We will also participate in Golden Opportunities, an event that will present many honor societies and other programs to prospective students on Saturday, March 25th from 1-3PM. The last and most important event is the March 29th Sophomore Reception. I believe it is important that the students who will be eligible to join our organization have a chance to meet some of our current members. Please contact a member of the executive board if you are interested in helping or have any questions regarding these events.

The last thing I want to touch on is peer networking. Each meeting and event is an opportunity to meet new people within the organization. Utilize these gatherings and make the most of them. As the saying goes, "Sometimes, it's not what you know, it's who you know." An acquaintance today may be a business partner in the future—connect with each other and stay connected.

I everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break!

Joshua Alan Ellis
Vice President
Florida State University Golden Key

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Elections:

One of the many benefits of being a Golden Key member is leadership opportunities. There will be some openings at the next general meeting (Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00pm) and I encourage all of you to take advantage of them. The executive board is being expanded by two positions and a few officers will not be returning. Because every position is open for reelection in the spring, there will be fifteen positions and ten or less officers seeking reelection! If any of you are interested, you should look over the positions on the website, prepare a brief statement detailing why you are the best choice, and nominate yourself at the next meeting.

Good luck everyone!

Michael Magyar
President

Service:

Hello FSU Golden Key Members,

I hope everyone has signed up for ServScript at FSU, because we will have a number of activities this semester to help you earn community service hours. If not, please visit: <http://www.fsu.edu/~service/students/servscript.htm>.

Golden Key is currently planning to host a used textbook drive at the end of the semester. We are working with Better World Books to collect textbooks that the bookstore will not buy back from you and donate them to disadvantaged students in other parts of the world. We will keep you updated on this as we come closer to the end of the semester.

Scott Kennedy
Service Director
Florida State University Golden Key

Relay For Life:

This year, our chapter of Golden Key is participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at FSU's Mike Long Track. Relay is an overnight event that will take place March 31 where those participating will walk on the track for 18 hours in an effort to support the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. The money raised goes to research in order to try to find a cure, education to promote earlier detection, advocacy of trying to reach the goal to eliminate cancer by 2015, and the service of helping cancer survivors through their journey. We are asking members to help us by donating money, or help in the fundraising efforts we will be having until Relay. Golden Key will also be selling Relay for Life bracelets, like the breast cancer bracelets only in school colors, for \$2. Just get in contact with one of the officers if you would like to help support us and the American Cancer Society's cause. To make a donation you can go to visit <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=124889> or mail a check made payable to the American Cancer Society. When donating online please enter the first name "Golden" the last name "Key."

Carla Castillo
Fundraising Director
Florida State University Golden Key

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Atlanta Conference:

Hello, Golden Key Members!

We at FSU Golden Key are always trying to improve our chapter and were very excited to have five delegates from our Executive Board representing us at the 2006 Leadership Training Conference in Atlanta last weekend. The event was packed with opportunities to meet members from throughout our region and learn about how their chapters operate. Plenty of information was passed down from Golden Key Headquarters, giving us new insight into service initiatives, active membership, fundraising, and different ways to meet our chapter standards.

During a very busy Saturday, we divided and conquered, attending ten different workshops between the five of us. We learned how to better serve Golden Key as Executive Board Officers, developed our leadership skills, brainstormed for the expansion of benefits offered at the headquarters level, and networked with other chapters, among many other things. One of the best things we took away with us from the conference was a plan for a new service project. Our chapter will be getting on board with Better World Books and running a campus and local textbook drive to help stop the cycle of poverty through illiteracy in developing countries around the world. More details about this wonderful project will be provided by our Service Coordinator, Scott Kennedy, so keep an eye out. We will need everyone's help!

I hope everyone had a great Spring Break! See you all at the next general meeting.

Whitney Ellis
Honorary Member and Campus Official Liaison
Florida State University Golden Key

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Upcoming Events:

Market Wednesdays - Every Wednesday in the Union

As part of our membership drive, we will have a table in the union every Wednesday from March 15th to the Sophomore Reception. Although at least one officer will always be present. We are looking for general members interested in donating an hour or two of their time to answer questions.

Golden Opportunities - Saturday, March 25th, 1:00pm in the Union Ballrooms

This event, sponsored by the Council of Honor Societies, allows Sophomores to learn about the honor societies and programs at FSU. We are also looking for general members to attend this event.

Sophomore Reception - Wednesday, March 29th, 7:00 pm in the Werkmeister Reading Room (Dodd Hall)

All potential sophomore candidates of Golden Key will be acknowledged and provided with the opportunity to build familiarity with Golden Key and make preparations for their fall induction ceremony.

Social Event: Day at the Reservation - Sunday, April 2nd, 12:00pm at the FSU Reservation

Our next social event will be a BBQ at the Florida State University Reservation. Eligible Sophomores from the reception will be invited and we would like to see a high general member turnout.

Relay for Life - Friday, March 31st until Saturday, April 1st at the Mike Long Track

Help our Golden key team raise money in support of the American Cancer Society. Come out and take a part in the eighteen hour walk alongside caregivers and friends of those persons who have been newly diagnosed or are long-term survivors of cancer. If you are unable to participate but would still like to donate or help fundraise, contact Carla at fundraising@fsugoldenkey.com or stop by the union table.

General Meeting - Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00pm

Our last general meeting of the semester. We will be distributing honor cords, holding officer elections for next year, and hosting a presentation from The Princeton Review concerning graduation tests. There will be a raffle for a free test prep course!

Princeton Review Practice Test Session - Saturday, April 8th

We will be administering a practice test day sponsored by The Princeton Review for the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, and GRE. More details will come later.

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