



## DISTRICT CONVENTION 2019 Welcomes

## **International President's Message:**

Hi everyone!! My name is Laura Belmont, and I am from the Southwest district! What's so amazing about CKI is the impact you get to make and the people you get to make that impact with. Each level of CKI represents a different type of impact and dynamic; whether you prefer smaller and closer-knit groups or larger-scale strategic thinking, CKI is there to match your preferences and empower your journey. We are all connected by a common thread of service and love for others. This weekend is an incredible opportunity to explore this bond and interact with members from all across your district. Learn about projects, fundraisers, events, socials, and as many other ideas as you can from each other and find ways to collaborate. Don't be afraid to talk to someone new; while it might be intimidating to reach beyond your club, so many of my friends have come from clubs all across this organization, and it is also one of the strongest assets of CKI. Build bridges beyond your club and beyond yourself. Use this as an opportunity to celebrate your accomplishments from the year and learn new things going forward. The work you put forth as a member is the power behind this organization, and you deserve all the recognition for your work. But above all, use this convention to find and explore your passions. Whether this is your first DCON, your last, or somewhere in between, I hope you learn many things, have tons of fun, and feel ignited!

I also hope to see you all at CKIx in Orlando, Florida this summer, June 26th through 29th. CKIx is an incredible opportunity to connect with CKIers from all over who share your passions for service. Perform a day of service to the local community, learn about our service partners and things you can bring back to your club and district, elect the international board, and go head-to-head in fellowship activities. It's going to be an amazing time, and I can't wait to meet each and every one of you if I haven't already!