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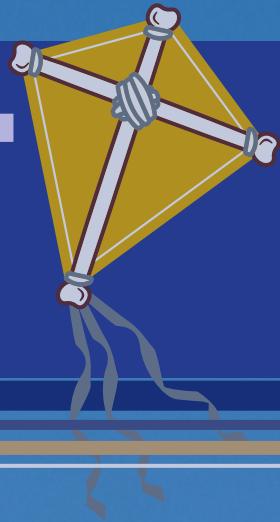


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What is Key Club?

"Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership."



No, we aren't a club that talks about keys- Key Club is a club that believes community is KEY.

How does our Key Club serve back to our community? We participate in service events and fundraisers, including (but not limited to) :

- Park Cleanups
- Nursing Homes
- Awareness Projects
- Clothing Drives

Members are actively learning how to lead and stand up for what's right through these events. It's not all about the hours a member gets, but more so the effort and time put into an event that makes Key Club so important. Officers also learn leadership skills by attending monthly meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels.

Core Values

Leadership » Leadership is grounded in humility and service to others. A true leader listens, recognizes, and empowers.

Character building » Character is built by everyday acts of kindness, integrity and teamwork to grow stronger relationships and communities.

Caring » Compassion for others is a cornerstone of the Key Club experience, inspiring action and service to one's community.

Inclusiveness » We welcome people of all backgrounds and ethnicities to join in serving and making a positive difference in our world.

Want to learn more information? Visit

www.keyclub.org



A Word From our President

Hey Key Clubbers! My name is Pooja Danak, and I am your Key Club president for the '21 - '22 school year! Obviously Key Club last year was different, but we are excited to return to some normalcy and get the ball rolling again. We are excited to host fun and exciting events for all of you to attend! I'm so excited to work with each and every one of you this year!



Editor's Note

Welcome back to school! I can't wait to see everyone back together all again! With that in mind, our registration closed on October 11 at 11:59 PM. No one can submit the form anymore, but if you will be a 10-12 for the next school year, keep an eye out for registration in the springtime! The next part? Getting your hour in and dues!

Rabkin Park Cleanups

R a b k i n P a r k



Active: **8/04 - 8/11**

We held two cleanups at the park for the month of August, and it was a success! Rabkin Park has always been a staple for the Union community for large gatherings (like the Rec Department's Movie Night!), but it has been increasingly aware that litter is spread all throughout the playground and bleachers. "It's been a fun experience, helping clean up our community by doing the simplest things," says sophomore Marjorie Piansay.

WHAT IS KEEPING THE GARDEN STATE GREEN?

This is our District Project for the '21-'22 school year. Pollution and several other environmental issues are plaguing our planet, and saving it right here in Union or New Jersey might be one of the many ways to help out! We aren't called the Garden State for nothing!

Keeping the
Garden State



Active:

8/04 - 8/11



Union Community Garden Work Parties

Eleanor Erickson Park, Liberty Ave
across street from Bancroft Ave.



Members were allowed to go to the Community Garden found at Liberty Ave and Bancroft Avenue. They were directed by community workers who also plant their own produce there, in which they provided gloves, hoes, wheelbarrows, shovels, and water. It was super hot, so we were allowed to have breaks and eat snacks that each person prepared. We talked about sunflowers and how sunflower seeds were made. We kept great conversation despite the scorching sun above us. I think this was a great success, and I would be glad to have another work party sometime in the springtime of next year.



Hispanic Heritage Fiesta



Biertuemful Park, Winslow Ave.

Active:

9/17



Members (pictured left to right): Ana Figueirido, Pedro Burbano, Brandon Magloire, Brendan Sarpong, Michelle Torres, Brianna Gonzalez, Pooja Danak





Kawameeh Middle School + Union High School PTA Clothing Drives



Officers got in touch with the PTA of both KMS and UHS with help of taking the bags of clothing from people's cars and helping load bags onto trucks. They were also responsible for organizing donated goods. As always, chosen members were encouraged to bring donations as well as members who are not chosen - but they can NOT receive hours for donating anything. "I enjoyed seeing all the bags pile up in front of the doors. It made me glad that so many people were willing to stop by!" treasurer Anaise Dormil says.

Active:

9/11



Clark Nursing Home Zoom Calls



Clark Nursing Home Calls is a great way to connect with residents even though we can't see them in person! Though it was short of 30 minutes, great conversation was made about how both students and residents are transitioning through the pandemic. "I loved the nursing home events since I was able to continue to see the residents that I saw my freshman year in person, now virtually. We discussed how our life was going and any future plans, and it felt like a normal comforting talk with friends!" says Scarlett U.



Union Recreation Department Movie Night



Active:
9/17

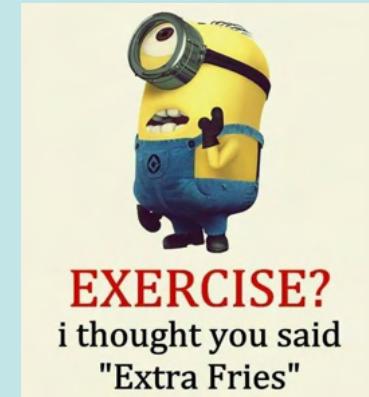


UHSC helped out the Union Township Recreation Department with their September Movie Night event! Located at Rabkin Park, members were responsible for helping out the Recreation Department staff in setting up for the event. They were also asked for the members to help set up lawn games and interact/entertain children before the beginning of the movie.

Fall RTCs

For new members- the Regional Training Conference (RTC) Programs and Workshops Committees have been working together to host NJ Key Club's second year of virtual Fall RTCs. The committee has added new workshops and created a schedule tailored for every Key Clubber. Through digital workshops, the NJ District Board will discuss how to make the most of our year volunteering this fall, and how to help our Key Club flourish. The district wants to help prepare you as best we can for any challenges a hybrid or in-person setting may bring.

For officers, this district event was not mandatory unless they have attended Spring RTCs. Presentations about advocacy and acing job interviews were nice to hear. The theme was still meme-themed, so it was no surprise as to see the presentations filled up with laughter, quirkiness, and entertainment. The district has a ton of events planned, such as the Fall Rally that happened on October 10th. This event will be covered in my next newsletter, where I will have a q+a with our LTG!



2021-2022 Advocacy Focus

This year's Advocacy Focus is **Mental Health Awareness**

Why?

- The past year has caused a lot of trauma in our lives, internally/externally/socially/emotionally
- We want to shed light on a taboo topic that teens face

Effective Speaking

- 01 ASSESS**
Who's your audience? What should they gain from your presentation?
- 02 MESSAGE**
Tailor your message to your audience and be concise!
- 03 ARTICULATE**
Command your audience's attention with a clear voice and confident body language.
- 04 INTERACT**
Draw your audience in with themes, questions, and your authenticity!

Two video call windows at the bottom show two people: Danny and Nendi Fia.



KEY LEADER - Nov. 12-14

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Upcoming Events

...for October



Football Concession Stands

When: Friday October 1st, 8th, (22nd if applicable), 2021

Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Where: UHS Football Field

Max: 5 (4 members + 1 officer)

Hours: 2



Facility Cleanup

Where: UHS Track

Date: October 2nd, 2021

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Max: 20 (18 members + 2 officers)

Hours: 2



Biertuempfel Park Cleanup

Where: Bierbaum Park

Date: October 16th, 2021

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Max: 20 (18 members + 2 officers)

Hours: 2



Burnet Clothing Drive

Where: Burnet Middle School

Date: October 23rd, 2021

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm



Trunk or Treat @ Jefferson School

Where: Jefferson Elementary School

Date: October 23rd, 2021

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm



Carnival @ Rabkin

Where: Rabkin Park

Date: October 23rd, 2021

Time: 3:00pm - 7:00pm



Is there a service event in that brain of yours? No fear! Contact any of our officers or submit a form in our Classwork tab titled "Future Service Event Ideas"



Fresh Gourd! This service event is still up for grabs!

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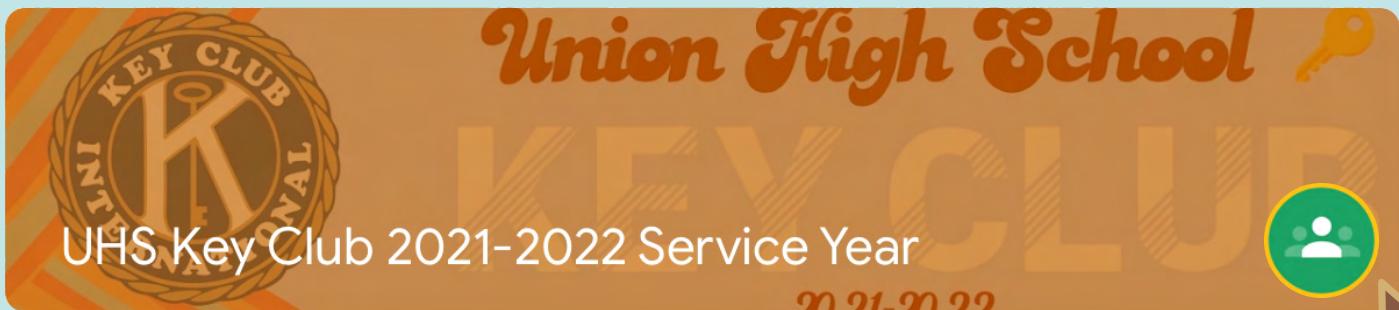
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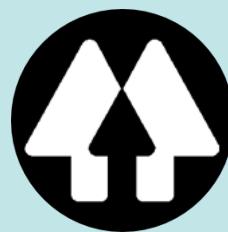
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