

# February 2014 KEYnotes

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## ✧ A note from the Vice President ✧

*2013-2015 National Officers were elected at the 2013 National Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Each officer will be featured during one of this year's KeyNotes.*

### MORGAN SCHMITZ, TRUMAN '14

Happy February, Cardinal Key!

My name is Morgan Schmitz and I am your new Cardinal Key National Vice President. I am a junior Communication Disorders major at Truman State University. I plan to graduate December 2014 and get a head start on my Master's degree at Truman as well. I am currently the JDRF chair at Truman. So far, I have helped organize a silent auction, caramel apple sale, and a

"trick-or-treat save your sweets" fundraiser to raise money and awareness for JDRF, our national philanthropy. I am also involved in my major's organization, Communication Disorders Association (CoDA) where I serve as Service and Social chair. I will serve as National Vice President for two years, staying in contact with chapters providing support, feedback, ideas, etc., and helping coordinate volunteers for the



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## Chapter Highlight

### University of Wyoming Laramie, Wyoming

24 members  
co-ed

**Major Chapter Activities:** The University of Wyoming holds an annual Art Auction and Banquet to raise money for JDRF. The theme this past year was "Making the Cure as Clear as Black and White." They had black and white food and decorations with splashes of red. Artists from Laramie and surrounding areas

donated their works for the auction. They also hosted three speakers who either had diabetes or a child with diabetes. Their chapter raised nearly \$1,500 for JDRF!

Check out some pictures from the event on page 2.

University of  
Wyoming  
Art Auction



## 2013 National Conference

*Together, we will turn Type One into Type None!*

*~ JDRF*



The biennial Cardinal Key National Conference is centered around a large JDRF walk. This year, attendees were able to volunteer at the Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes 5K on the Chicago Lakefront in Illinois. Volunteers got up bright and early to catch the train into the city where the walk was to take place. Some were in charge of directing traffic, greeting participants, registering participants, handing out t-shirts, painting faces, dressing up as mascots, and cheering on participants along the walk. It was a fun time had by all!

The Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes on the Chicago Lakefront raised over \$900,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The goal was to

raise \$1 million and after all donations are counted

they may have reached their goal. There were thousands of participants from babies, to grandparents, to a variety of dogs. Many participants teamed up and wore matching shirts to support their loved ones.

As Cardinal Key's National Philanthropy, it is a great opportunity for conference attendees to be able to volunteer at a JDRF walk during the conference. Volunteers are able to experience the excitement from the participants, sponsors, and other volunteers that will help boost their ambition to raise money for JDRF as a chapter when they return home from the conference. Personally, seeing the armies of purple tie-dyed shirts, hot pink shirts, turquoise shirts, etc. with clever sayings on them supporting someone dear to them who has Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) reaffirms my passion to serve and fundraise for this great cause. Nearly everyone knows someone who lives with T1D and in turn knows how important it is to continue updating the technology and ultimately researching for a cure.



### National Officers

Chelsea Nwankwo, Parliamentarian; Elizabeth Gentry, Secretary;  
Morgan Schmitz, Vice President; Shelby Pieper, President

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JDRF walk at the next National Conference. I look forward to building connections with other chapters and being able to exchange fundraising, recruitment, attendance, service, and social ideas.

I recently attended the Cardinal Key National Conference in Chicago, Illinois as my chapter's delegate. I really did not know what to expect going into the conference, but I gained so much knowledge, met some wonderful people, and enjoyed exploring Chicago.

What I didn't realize is that while each Cardinal Key chapter is similar in many ways, they are also all unique. In my mind, Cardinal Key was a national honor service organization made up of 25 women on various campuses, because that's what it is at Truman. I think I can

sometimes get caught up in the moment and forget to let my imagination run wild. There are other chapters out there that do completely different service events, fundraisers, etc. I am excited to use this new knowledge to contact other chapters when my chapter needs ideas and also provide other chapters with ideas that worked well for my chapter. Feel free to email me at [cknationalvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:cknationalvicepresident@gmail.com) if your chapter wants to exchange ideas!



*CK love, Morgan*

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