

January 2014 KEYnotes

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✧ A note from the 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.

SHELBY PIEPER, TRUMAN '14

The New Year is here, and winter is bearing down on us, but no matter the weather, my desire to serve doesn't falter.

year, I truly had no idea what it would come to mean to me.

I have always had a passion for service, but the women in Cardinal Key (our chapter is all female) never cease to amaze me in everything they do. I am blessed to be part of a diverse group who share one common goal...to serve our campus and community.



I am a junior at Truman State University majoring in Marketing and Management. I joined Cardinal Key in the spring of 2013, and though I had been waiting for the opportunity since freshman

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Chapter Highlight

**Northern Arizona
University
Flagstaff, Arizona**

20 members
co-ed

Major Chapter Activities: Our chapter's favorite service event is to volunteer at the Phoenix JDRF walk and to volunteer with Project Connect in Flagstaff, who helps the homeless in the Flagstaff community by giving them information and the basic services that they need to get on their feet again for free.

Recruitment: We were surprised to discover the size of Cardinal Key on a National level, and how unique each chapter is. We enjoyed meeting the people who put in their hard work for us, loved hearing about other chapters and their traditions.



We had a blast
at the National
Conference!



2013 National Conference

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

~ Hellen Keller

When I heard about the National Conference, I knew immediately that I wanted to attend. I thought it would be awesome to spend a weekend with CKs and get to know them on a deeper level. I really had no idea what to expect, but after having gone I wouldn't change it for the world.

The first day, we volunteered at the Chicago Ron Santo JDRF Walk, where they raised almost \$860,000! We bonded with other volunteers, listened to music, and danced with Mike Wazowski from Monsters, Inc.! It was amazing to see the huge number of people who came out to support diabetes research for a cure. I was fortunate to work a water stop along the route and cheer everyone on. It was moving to watch so many come out to support a loved one or friend. There were

countless families supporting their young children who are bravely fighting diabetes. My dad has Type 1 diabetes and I was encouraged to see others not only facing some of the same challenges we do, but also doing something about it. After the walk, we broke into teams for a scavenger hunt around the city. I grew up in a small town in Missouri, so wandering around Chicago was definitely an adventure!

During breakout sessions, we discussed each chapter's strengths and areas for improvement. There was time to brainstorm ideas and figure out ways to raise awareness of Cardinal Key across campuses.

Everyone in the room got an opportunity to share their opinions with others while also giving and receiving feedback. Make sure you ask your delegate to share the ideas we came up with at a chapter meeting!

We are already preparing for the 2015 National Conference! I am looking forward to meeting the delegates and seeing how all of the chapters have grown. I encourage you to consider attending. It truly is a wonderful experience; a time to learn, meet new people and have FUN!



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Morgan Schmitz, Vice President; Shelby Pieper, President

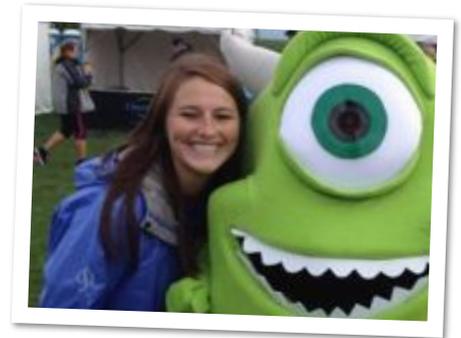
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I currently hold a position in the University Career Center, working one-on-one with students of all ages on all things job related. Though I began college as an Accounting major, after a year in the Career Center I realized I prefer working closely with people. Now, I have decided to pursue a Master of Arts in Education degree and teach Marketing to high school students. Getting up every day and going to work knowing I will be making a difference is all I have ever wanted out of a job and I feel like teaching will fill that dream.

I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve as National President, to give more time to the

organization than I would ever have imagined when I joined. The next two years are going to be an amazing experience. I imagine there will be highs and lows along the way, but in the end, I know this adventure is going to be a memorable experience. Cardinal Key has given me some of my closest friends, and I am thankful for the chance to not only be a member on my campus, but also to get involved on the national level.

ck love, shelby



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