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# 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 STATE UNIVERSITY '14

Happy New Year Cardinal Keys!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and is settled back into the hustle and bustle of school and work. The National Board has jumped back into conference planning and we can't wait to share what we have in store. We are finalizing details and as soon as we have things confirmed, we will make the information available to all chapters.

We hope to have representatives from every Cardinal Key chapter

across the nation. The conference is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn ways to improve your chapter, and address any questions or concerns your chapter may have... plus it's FUN!

My first conference was an amazing experience that I wish everyone had the chance to participate in. I left Chicago with many ideas for our chapter as well as a chance to serve Cardinal Key in a much larger way, as national president. Hope to see you all there!



CK Love, Shelby

## Paperwork Reminder

We want to remind you that starting with the Fall 2014 Semester, your Chapter Forms and Reports may be submitted online! This includes the *Membership Report*, *Officers Report*, and *Chapter Report*. It does **not** include the *Pink Petition for Membership* which must be completed by each incoming new member. *Pinks*, along with New Member, Returning Member, &

Chapter Dues must be mailed to the Post Office Box address, as they have been in the past.

Copies of the new forms have been emailed out to all sponsors and Chapter Officers. If you are a sponsor or Chapter Officer and have not received the forms, please contact the National Office. We know that transition sometimes brings with it frustrations. Please let us know if you need help completing your Reports, or if we can assist you in any way.

We want your pics! Email them to us, or post them on our facebook page!

## Wisdom: Considering the Cardinal Virtues (part 1)

*A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew.*  
~Herb Caen

According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, wisdom is defined as “the knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life.” Although I completely agree with this definition I think there is so much more to wisdom that this definition doesn’t even begin to describe. Many of us have heard the common statement that “we learn something new every day.” I don’t think that this could be any more true. Each day welcomes us with new experiences, sometimes they are beautiful other times they are just plain awful. Occasionally we succeed but more often than not, we fail. These failures don’t define us, it just means we have many opportunities to learn something new and to better ourselves. Take it from some people with much more experience than I have:

*I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And this is why I succeed.* – Michael Jordan

*Failure is the opportunity to begin again, only more intelligently.* – Henry Ford

*Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.* –Winston Churchill

Even the most successful people experience failure. Thomas Edison famously discussed his struggle with repeated failure when developing the light bulb. He didn’t find a solution until after developing over 10,000 prototypes. He would say, “I have not failed 10,000 times. I have not failed once. I have succeeded in proving that those 10,000 ways will not work. When I have eliminated the ways that will not work, I will find the way that will work.”

Wisdom comes from the failures in our lives and with wisdom comes success. Approach everyday with an open mind, don’t get down when you fail, because the best things in life, don’t come easy.

Whether your chapter is struggling and needs help, or you have successful ideas to share, we’d love to hear from you! Email us ([nationalcardinalkey@gmail.com](mailto:nationalcardinalkey@gmail.com)), or tell us on Facebook!



*Congratulations!*

Besty Hildebrand, NWMSU '14, was crowned Northwest Missouri State University's Homecoming Queen this past October. She serves as the Cardinal Key Chapter President as well as devoting her time to service through other activities.

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# CK Chapter Stats: Northwest Missouri State University

MEMBERSHIP: 50+ Co-eds

SERVICE: Each semester, Northwest holds a Parents Night Out event to raise money for JDRE. They plan activities and games for children while their parents get away for a night. The money they raise is based purely off of donations.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President – Elizabeth Hilebrand

Vice President – Dana Grenfell

Secretary – Caleb Mitchell

Treasurer – Zac Hawkins



FUN FACT: The Northwest Cardinal Key chapter is in charge of crowning the Tower King and Queen every year. The Tower King and Queen is a prestigious award recognizing individuals who demonstrate leadership and service both on campus and in the community, are involved in an honor society as well as other extracurricular activities, and meet the 3.5 GPA requirement.

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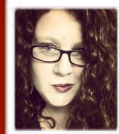
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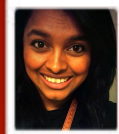
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