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# Hello Southwest!

My name is Livia Calugaru and I am excited to serve you as this year's District Bulletin Editor!

Bi-monthly you will receive an issue of the Southwest Sun to stay up to date on district events and accomplishments. So that being said welcome to the first issue of the bulletin!

In this month's newsletter you will find information regarding club contacts, recruitment, and what our clubs and members have been up to this summer!

I am looking forward to seeing what the Southwest of CKI accomplishes this service year. Please feel free to contact me if you need anything at all! Have a fantastic rest of your summer!

Yours in Service,

*Livia Calugaru*





Hello Southwest Southbest!

If for any reason you do not know who I am, allow me to introduce myself! My name is Jordan Marshall, and I have the distinct privilege of serving as your 2021-2022 Southwest District governor. I am a native Californian and rising senior at Arizona State University. At ASU, I am double majoring in Neuroscience and Psychology with a minor in Global Health. I am on a pre medical track and am ready to serve you! While my term officially started a few months ago, I am just as excited to serve alongside you all. Already, there are so many great events and opportunities to look forward to on the district level this service year! (Which includes in-person district events!!)

As we begin our recovery from COVID-19 not only as an international organization but also as a district and club, we have to continue our resilient hard work and dedication to become the change we want to see in *our* world. Our communities need us now more than ever and I couldn't have asked for a better team to lead the Southwest District, to ensure the Southwest Southbest district lives up to its name. James, Rachel, Amber, Livia, Nicole, and Kenna: Thank you all for all the diligent work, support, and dedication to not only to the Southwest District but also to me thus far in our term. I can't wait to see all the successes and accomplishments come next April.





This past weekend at the Education and Leadership Conference, the International Council met and voted in the 2021-2022 International Board. Amongst the many incredible individuals serving on the new board is our very own, Alissa McIntyre serving as an International Trustee. Congratulations to all!

I am thrilled to experience all that they will accomplish this service year.

International Policy Code and Bylaws were amended and approved at this meeting as well, including a new Dues Proposal. If you have any questions about this dues structure, reach out to me!

Finally, I am ecstatic to announce that the next CKIX will be held in Austin, Texas and I am hoping to see you there!

Yours in Service,

*Jordan Marshall*



# Meet your Executive Board!



## **Governor Jordan Marshall**

**Major:** Neuroscience and Psychology (ASU)

**Pronouns:** He/Him/His

**Fun Fact:** When I was 10 I fell into a cactus and had to go to the ER so now I am lowkey afraid of cactus!



## **Secretary Rachel Griffith**

**Major:** Psychology (ASU)

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** My older brother and I share a birthday despite being two years apart!



## **Treasurer Amber Luu**

**Major:** Computer Science and Classics (ASU)

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I have made maybe 30,000 origami cranes, give or take



# Meet your Executive Board!



## **Bulletin Editor Livia Calugaru**

**Major:** Physiology and Medical Sciences  
(UofA)

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I am first generation! Both my parents are from Romania.

## **Lieutenant Governor Kenna Conley (Retention)**

**Major:** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
(NAU)

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I have a cat named Miller!



## **Lieutenant Nicole Inocentes (Recruitment)**

**Major:** Psychology (ASU)

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I am addicted to boba!



# Meet your President's Council!

## Norther Arizona University

### Melissa La Spisa

**Major:** Performance Piano

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I love things that typically others dont like public speaking and writing essays!



## Arizona State University

### Hanna Pogue

**Major:** Supply Chain Management and Business Sustainability

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I am a very bad plant mother and have a bad habit of killing all my plant babies. Still love them though <3



## University of New Mexico

### Shelby Smith

**Major:** Computational Mathematics

**Pronouns:** She/Her/Hers

**Fun Fact:** I am allergic to all fruits that grow on trees!



*Meet your President's Council!*

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**Grand Canyon University**

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& LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE

JUNE 24-26, 2021 // SALT LAKE CITY UTAH



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# JUNE EVENTS




## District Officer Training

Our district officers and club presidents met throughout the weekend to set goals, learn more about the district and plan out the next service year.

## Recruitment Night

Nicole Inocentes (Recruitment LTG) led the first summer recruitment event night. Potential CKI members learned more about our organization and how to join!

## Education and Leadership Conference



Ending the month of June, members of the Southwest attended ELC in Salt Lake City, Utah for a week of leadership training and voting on new international officers

# SUMMER RECRUITMENT ZOOM EVENT!

An Introduction to  
Circle K International

Learn how Circle K  
members truly  
exemplify the motto  
"Live to Serve, Love  
to Serve"

July 30 at 7pm  
More information to  
come!







# Happy Pride Month!

From SWD CKI



# Meet Rachel



To begin with, my name is Rachel Griffith and I'm bisexual. Luckily, my story is unlike a lot of members of the LGBTQ+ community experience. When I came out to my family, I got a lot of support. As I gradually came out to friends, I was also surrounded by so much support. When I finally got to a place in my life where I could comfortably come out, I received a lot of love and support from friends, family, and peers. I am so fortunate to have had the coming out experience I did, especially coming from a religious family with a religious upbringing.

Discovering I was bisexual to me didn't really change anything. In my mind, I was still me but now I was a more authentic me and I understood more about myself as a human being. My bisexuality is as much of me as my eye color, hair color, and depression. Nothing I do will ever change that.

I am so incredibly proud to be part of such an amazing community with so many loving and supportive people. I have so many friends who are part of the community in all sorts of ways and I love to learn from them and their experiences.

The very first person I came out to was my best friend and I couldn't have asked for a better person to come out to. Of course, knowing she was also part of the community helped. It's a really funny story, me coming out to my best friend, so if you ever want to hear it reach out or find me at a CKI event. The second person I came out to was my mom at midnight after breaking down crying at the table during a conversation with her. Originally, I never planned to tell my family. I was just gonna hide it until I left the house and was away from them. However, telling my mom and eventually the rest of my family was one of the best decisions I could have ever made. They have been nothing but supportive of me (and the loving jokes we make about it are the absolute best).

If there is one thing anyone takes away from this, it is that your coming out is YOUR story. Coming out can be a scary thing. Do it when you are ready. You also don't have to come out to everyone all at once. If you ever need someone to talk to, please reach out to me. Additionally, some shows and movies I've watched that helped me are Love, Simon, Brooklyn 99, and Love, Victor (Brooklyn 99 was actually the reason I came out to my family and everyone else).

Remember that you are valid, you are loved, and don't let anyone (even yourself) tell you differently.

Yours in service,

Rachel Griffith



# LGBTQ+ Resources

**The Trevor Project:** 1-866-488-7386

**Pride Foundation:** <https://pridefoundation.org/>

**LGBTQ+ History:** [LTGBQhistory.org](http://LTGBQhistory.org)

**The Save Zone Project:**

<https://thesafezoneproject.com/resources/>

**Gay Straight Alliance Network:**

<https://gsanetwork.org/>

**LGBTQ+ Youth Talkline:** 800-246-7743

# SOUTHWEST CONNECT

A new way to stay connected with the Southwest District of Circle International!

Join our Photo Circle for a chance for your CKI related pictures to be featured on our Instagram!

Invite Friends to 'SWD CKI Photos'



Have a CKI member you would love to recognize? Click the horse to nominate them to be highlighted in the next newsletter!



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL  
MEDIA

**Instagram: @swdcki**

**Facebook Group:**  
Southwest District CKI

**TikTok: @swdcki**

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