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The 2023-2024 LaMissTenn District Board!

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Meet the Executive Board

District Administrator: Judi Zimmermann

Written by: Judi Zimmermann

(pictured to the right)

Hello All Key Clubbers and Advisors:

My name is Judi Zimmermann and I am the LaMissTenn District Administrator for Key Club. We are starting our 2023-2024 Year of Service and I am excited for you all to meet our new Board. We are already working hard at planning our Fall Rallies and have even given thought to our District Convention to be held next April. We are headed to Anaheim, California for our International Convention the first week of July and hope to come back with lots of ideas for our year ahead.



I have two major goals for LaMissTenn Key Club this year: (1) to help Governor Ben increase our membership, (2) to make DCON as affordable as possible for our students, so I will be looking to our amazing KIWANIS Clubs for your help.

Enjoy the summer and, as always, we appreciate all that you do for us.

Governor: Ben Hader

Written by: Ben Hader

(pictured below)

Hello! My name is Ben Hader, and I am the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Governor for the 2023-2024 service year. I am SO excited to enter my second year on the District Board, and I have very exciting goals I plan on achieving! Outside of Key Club, I am an Officer in Student Council and work at my local YMCA as a Counselor. I love music; I am in choir and am always streaming new songs on Spotify, and collecting records for my favorite artists as well! One of my favorite activities is meeting new people, and I am so excited to meet as many LaMissTenn Key Clubbers as I can this year! As Governor, please know that I am always here to help, no matter how small or large the issue at hand is, or if you just want a new friend! Caring is our way of life, after all, and I am thrilled to be entering this journey as your newest Governor. Thank you, and please feel free to reach out to me at governorlmtkcben@gmail.com or on Instagram @ben_hader!



Secretary-Treasurer: Keya Chanda-Rastogi

Written by: Keya Chanda-Rastogi

(pictured to the right)

Hi, Key Clubbers! My name is Keya Chanda-Rastogi, and I am so excited to be serving as this year's Secretary-Treasurer for the Louisiana Mississippi-W. Tennessee District of Key Club International. I am a rising Junior at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This is my second year on the LaMissTenn District Board; last year, I served as the Bulletin Editor. The year before, as a Freshman, I served on my Club's Officer Board as the Freshman Class Codirector.

I loved meeting everyone from around the District at this year's 80th Annual District Convention. I cannot wait to work with all of you, and hopefully, see you again at the next DCON!

Outside of Key Club, I am the President of my school's Junior Classical League. I enjoy reading, creating art, and, of course, service! I am so grateful that I have been given the opportunity to continue helping the great and historic District of LaMissTenn, and I look forward to the amazing Service Year ahead! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you ever have any questions, or need any help, at: sectreaslmtkckeya@gmail.com



Bulletin Editor: Sameen Enam

Written by: Sameen Enam

(pictured to the right)

Hello LaMissTenn Key Clubbers! My name is Sameen Enam and I'm excited to serve as your new Louisiana-Mississippi West Tennessee District Bulletin Editor this year! As Bulletin Editor, I will release monthly issues of Crawfish Tales and communicate with Key Clubs and members within our District. I am a rising Junior at Baton Rouge Magnet High School and have been in Key Club since my Freshman Year of high school. I have served on my school's Key Club Officer Board this past year as Bulletin Editor and wanted to expand my role in Key Club by serving on the LaMissTenn District Board!

Outside of Key Club, I serve as Vice President of Baton Rouge Magnet High School's Animal Rights Preservation Club and as Technology Coordinator of my school's Junior Classical League. I am also actively involved with several clubs at my school including Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Indian Student Association, and more. In my free time, I love to read! From fantasy to historical fiction to thrillers, I enjoy exploring different genres and many types of books. I also enjoy playing piano and learning new languages such as Arabic.

I'm excited to work with the District Board to ensure a great Key Club year for everyone!



Meet the Lieutenant Governors

Division 1A: Aditi Arunprakash

Written by: Aditi Arunprakash

(pictured to the right)

Hi everyone! My name is Aditi Arunprakash, and I am the new Lieutenant Governor of the LaMissTenn Division 1A. I am currently 14 years old and am going into my Sophomore Year at White Station High School. Last school year was my first year in Key Club and I am eager to work with all of you and have a successful upcoming year. This past year in Key Club I have done many service activities and I am excited to plan some for our Division. Aside from Key Club, I do Debate, Model UN, and I work on my school's magazine staff. My extracurriculars have made me a better leader, public speaker, and writer. I look forward to helping all of you out and having a fun and eventful year. Please feel free to contact me if you need anything.



Division 1B: Ryleigh Johnson

Written by: Ryleigh Johnson

(pictured to the right)

Hi! My name is Ryleigh Johnson and I will be serving as your 2023-2024 Division 1B Lieutenant Governor! I'm looking forward to meeting with everyone and getting to know you all. I am 16 years old and will be a Junior in the fall. This will be my third year in Key Club! Aside from Key Club, I am also very active in BETA and DECA. Some of my goals for this year are to charter a new Key Club, charter a Builders Club, and work to increase club involvement and membership in my division.



Division 5: Jacob Tatum

Written by: Jacob Tatum

(pictured to the left)



Hello, everyone! My name is Jacob Tatum, and I am thrilled to be starting the new service year for Key Club. This is my second year serving as lieutenant governor for Division 5, and I can't wait to work with all of you to make this year even more successful than the last. I am 16 years old and currently in the 12th grade. I have been a member of the Key Club for three years now, and I am excited to continue serving my community through this amazing organization. In addition to my involvement in the Key Club, I am also a member of several other organizations, including Beta, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Band. These past experiences have taught me a lot about leadership, teamwork, and the importance of giving back to others. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better and working together to make a positive impact in our community. Let's make this year the best one yet!

Division 7A: Madison Pitre

Written by: Madison Pitre

(pictured to the right)

I am Madison Pitre, the new LaMissTenn Division 7A Lieutenant Governor, and I am excited to be working on the District Board. As a member of Key Club, I have become a better leader and a better person through my experiences such as service projects. One of my favorite examples is from this past service year when my home club and I visited a local elderly home around Christmas time with prizes for their bingo game that day. Outside of Key Club however, I spend much of my time with art projects, reading, and wrestling with my High School team.

Something you might not expect about me (besides the fact I wrestle) is that I have a pet hedgehog along with three cats and a teacup poodle. I have a passion for veterinary medicine and plan to pursue it in the future. Another passion of mine is Key Club of course! I am most excited to be able to provide our amazing division with the same resources we have lacked without a Lieutenant Governor in previous years. Not only that, but I will be branching out to assist Division 7B and Division 12.



Division 8A: Gracie Reounodji

Written by: Gracie Reounodji
(pictured bottom left)

Hello everyone, my name is Gracie Reounodji and I am the new Lieutenant Governor for Key Club Division 8A. A little bit about me is that I am 17 years old and I have been serving in Key Club for 2 years. I joined Key Club as a Sophomore and this past year I have been a Class Officer in Key Club for the Junior Class. Some other activities that I take part in are being an Officer of the French Club, French Honor Society, and African Heritage Club. I also enjoy being a Cheer Coach and dancing. I do, however, take the most pride in being of use to my community. I love being able to volunteer at places around Baton Rouge to better my home, school, and community. I can't wait to see what fun opportunities will take place this year, and see how big of an impact we can make around the LaMissTenn Division 8A.

Division 11: Kaitlyn Huff

Written by: Kaitlyn Huff
(pictured bottom right)

Hello LaMissTenn District! My name is Kaitlyn Huff and I am thrilled to be representing Division 11 as your Lieutenant Governor this year. This is my first year as Lieutenant Governor. This coming year, I will be going into my Senior Year and I hope to be able to make it the best year yet. This next year will be my fourth year in Key Club and my third year as an Officer in Key Club. I have served as Secretary my Sophomore Year in my home club and I just completed my tenure as Vice President of the Pineville High School Key Club. I decided that for my Senior Year, I wanted to go above and beyond for an organization I love so much. Besides Key Club, I participate in Theatre, Danceline, National Honor Society, Anchor Club, and Archery. These clubs and sports have taught me to be a well-rounded and organized person. I hope to be able to share my love of community service with all of you this year!



Division 13A: Maggie Mercke

Written by: Maggie Mercke

(pictured to the right)

Hi! My name is Maggie Mercke. I am the new Lieutenant Governor for Division 13A. I am very excited to be doing this. It is an amazing opportunity. I am 17 years old. I am going into my Senior Year at Ponchatoula High School. I have been in my school's Key Club since my Freshman Year. I have been a very active member this past year. I have participated in many service projects, and I am looking forward to being a part of more. Now, for a little bit about my life outside of Key Club. My family and my friends are very important to me. I spend a lot of my time with them. I have a very good group of friends that I love very much. I work at North Cypress Fitness Center in Hammond as a Camp Counselor. This is my second year doing this. I think that's enough about me, but if you need anything feel free to contact me. My email is division13almtkcmaggie@gmail.com.



Division 14A: Nicholas Madison

Written by: Nicholas Madison

(pictured to the right)

Hello LaMissTenn Key Clubbers! My name is Nicholas Madison and I am serving as the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Division 14A Lieutenant Governor. My duties as Lieutenant Governor include informing the clubs in my Division on updates in the LaMissTenn District of Key Club as well as any information we receive from Key Club International. I am an upcoming Junior at Pascagoula High School and some of the things I participate in outside of Key Club include being a member of National Beta Club, serving as the Vice President of my Speech and Debate Team, Paws Renaissance, Track and Field, and Interact Club. I am so excited and honored to be participating in such an amazing organization and I am looking forward to a great year with all of you!



Global Leadership Certificate

Written by: Jacob Tatum, Division 5 Lieutenant Governor

Key Club International is introducing the Global Leadership Certificate program for members. Through videos, assessments, resources and activities, you'll learn how to get your voice heard and your community's concerns met. You'll have access to up to 39 courses on topics ranging from building meaningful relationships, strategic versus tactical leadership, self-awareness, inclusion, civic engagement and being an agent for change. Work at your own pace to supercharge your leadership abilities. The courses are based on Key Club's Core Values of fellowship, leadership and service. You'll learn traditional skills as well as in-demand soft skills such as emotional intelligence, empathy, resiliency and more. This program won't just help you stand out as a candidate for colleges/graduate school, trade schools or employers – it will help you become a stronger leader and changemaker. To register, visit:

<https://members.kiwanis.org/SignIn/IndexreturnUrl=https://reporting.kiwanisone.org:443/Account/ResolveFederatedToken?returnUrl=%252F&instant=True>





International Convention (ICON)

Written by: Ben Hader, Governor

This year's International Convention (ICON) takes place in less than a month! From July 3-9, Key Clubbers from across the LaMissTenn District will be touring Los Angeles, attending informative workshops, and most importantly, making lasting memories with other Key Clubbers from across the world. While it's too late to sign up for ICON now, we want YOU to join us next year! This year, start your fundraising efforts early to ensure your attendance in Atlanta, Georgia for next year's convention! ICON is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that can bolster your club's enthusiasm and allow for your club to represent itself in important international decisions! So, what are you waiting for? We'll see you in Atlanta next July!

