

Allen HS Key Club Newsletter

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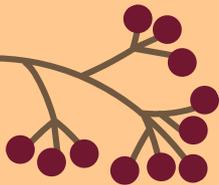
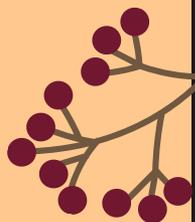
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KEY CLUB ***PLEDGE***



I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and world; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.

UNDERSTANDING

The Key Club Chapter, Kiwanis and the Key Club District

Every Key Club chapter has a Kiwanis sponsor that they can consult. Kiwanis clubs have a lot of experience serving their communities, so they are an invaluable resource for Key clubs. Some Kiwanis

clubs even have special resources for key Clubbers, such as



scholarships. Editors/ Secretaries submit monthly reports to the Key Club district their Key club chapter is under. Key club chapters also participate in LEDCON through the Key Club district. Communicating and working with the Key club District makes an immense amount of opportunity available to key clubbers, including grants, scholarships, leadership positions, awards and much more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANGEL LEAGUE

AHS Key Club is excited to announce the return of Angel League for the 2021-2022 school year. This service gives KC members the opportunity to play baseball with



special-needs students, allowing for a unique bonding experience (Next game is October 11th).

CHOCOLATE BOXES

Allen High School Key Club is excited to announce the return of the selling of World's Finest Chocolate Boxes as a service opportunity. Key Clubbers will receive 3 Internal Hours for each Chocolate Box sold.

PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISER

Allen High School Key Club is holding a Panera Bread fundraiser on October 22nd at 951 Bethany Drive. Key Clubbers in attendance can receive 30 Internal Minutes and attending will count as a Club Social. Make sure to head down to Panera Bread on October 22nd and enjoy great food while helping our club!

PARTNERS

- Key Club teams up with the Thirst project to bring clean water wells to those in need of potable water in third world countries in order to help end global water crisis.

- Key Club International has worked to raise money for March of Dimes since 1978 and continues the partnership to raise awareness and funds for the health of mothers and babies

- Key Club supports the Kiwanis family and UNICEF to help mothers and babies through the eliminate project, which works to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world.

- Key club members across the country work with Children's miracle network to raise funds for hospitals, hospitalized children and others who need medical attentions



PARTNERS

- UNICEF is the only organization of the United Nations dedicated exclusively to children. Working with other United Nations bodies, governments and non-governmental organizations, UNICEF helps to provide for children's needs in more than 150 developing countries through community-based services in primary health care, basic education and safe water and sanitation

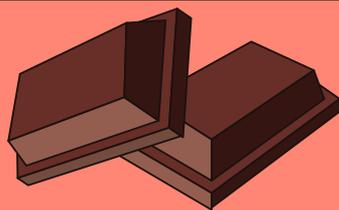
- Project happiness inspires and empowers club members to create greater happiness within themselves and their communities addressing the bullying issue at its core. The Key Club Guide to Project Happiness shares exercises, discussions, games and tools based on Neuroscience, Positive Psychology and Mindfulness to re-write the brain for happiness.

- Landscape Structures (LSI) has joined Kiwanis International as a vision partner to bring play to communities across the globe. LSI is proud to provide high-quality commercial playground equipment and planning consultation services that reflect the high degree of integrity that Kiwanis clubs expect.

- Kiwanis Gives Online is powered by Access Development, a team-friendly crowdfunding platform just for key club. IT specializes in helping your club achieve its fundraising goals through a convenient turnkey, online fundraising service. Kiwanis Gives Online not only creates and manages your entire campaign(s), but also provides a reward to anyone making a donation.



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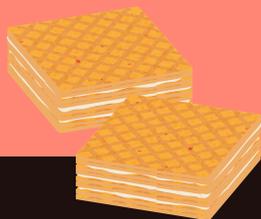
Chocolate for the Masses

It's often known at Allen High School that fall is fundraising season for the various sports and clubs of the school. Our chocolate fundraiser in particular is beloved among Allen students, with many rejoicing at the surplus of chocolate available to our students. A common addition to the question of, "are you in Key Club?", is "are you selling chocolate?". There is an a



ddictive quality to the concoction that "World's Finest Chocolate" has developed. A perfect combination of sweet and savory, with hints of wafer or almonds inside. As such, there was a high demand for the chocolate on the first day of distribution. Many Key Clubbers have also been quickly selling out their boxes, with some messaging me about how they can get more boxes after a mere three days.

I, as Key Club Board Member, was involved in giving Allen Key Club Members their boxes of chocolates, writing down their names and information to keep track of the boxes. Our Key Club members, knowing that the boxes would be gone quickly, eagerly ate up the bulk of our supply in the course of a couple hours.



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Chocolate for the Masses (cont.)

Scores of Key Club members lined up at the back of Allen High School's "F-hall" to receive a box, with up to 20 people in line at one point. By the time we closed up shop, 93 of our 136 boxes of chocolate were gone, with yet more demand for the ever so popular chocolate. Freshmen and Sophomores arrived in a s



urprising quantity, given that many of them were in class, but this only highlighted the emerging eagerness to serve amongst our newest Key Club members.

The return of our chocolate boxes came after a tumultuous school year, with many of our services transitioning to an online or limited in-person format during the 2020-2021 school year. Though the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic can still be felt, the return of many of our services from the 2019-2020 school year provides a breath of fresh air. If anything, it shows Allen Key Club's commitment to service as a club, showing that we can still aid the community, even in times of turmoil. Seeing so many Key Club members eager to help fundraise for our club illuminated to me, and I'm sure other board members felt the same, that more Allen High School students than ever are committed to the goal of service.



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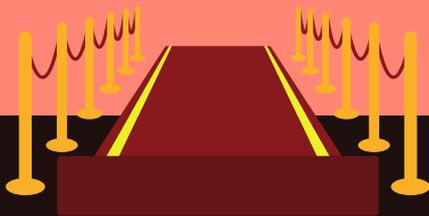
Kiwanis and Key Club, the Perfect Duo

Often known to Key Club board members as our parent-club, Kiwanis is a service organization committed to service in the local community, with a particular focus on services targeted for children worldwide. Yearly, the Allen Kiwanis hold a banquet at the Roman Cucina, talking about the services they've performed that



past year, giving awards to particularly committed Kiwanis members, and inaugurating the new board of directors and leadership positions for the next year. On this occasion, Allen Key Club board members were invited to the banquet.

The procession started with small talk between table members, with myself and Tanya Dhawan, our Sergeant-at-Arms, being quizzed not on Key Club involvement, but interests and potential colleges. After a brief and delicious meal, attendees were introduced to the speaker of the night. A sprightly sexagenarian, the speaker of the night provided an interesting speech, brimming with references to musicals and well-placed quips and puns. The speech placed into context the role of service members, such as Kiwanis and Key Clubbers, in society. In essence, it was an argument for service placed in the context of happiness.



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Kiwanis and Key Club, the Perfect Duo (cont.)

The speaker claimed people who are involved in community service are on average happier, and that service members should be proud of the work they do. After the speech, Key Clubbers and Kiwanis members caught up, discussing their respective work in service, and even favorite chocolates and chips. Overall, the night was an enjoyable one, putting into context the ways in which high school students and seasoned adults can relate over the common passion for service.

The experience was very unique for me, seeing as it was my first time being at a Kiwanis banquet or dinner. I will say, the food was great,

but the experience went beyond that. It provided new board members, like myself, the opportunity to experience what Allen Key Club should aspire to be. Seeing the commitment of Kiwanis members made me realize that joining Key Club is the start of a life filled with commitment to service. Furthermore, it proved to me that service is an essential part of one's life experiences. The ability to help others provides the same joy and satisfaction as when you first get involved in community service. After all, if the Kiwanis can stay as committed as they are to service while having the responsibilities of adulthood, then so can we as Key Club members.



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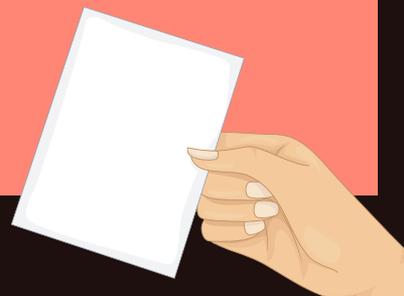


Projector Problems, Pt. 2

Key Club business and service meetings are often a stressful time for Key Club board members. Having to organize and manage over 300 Key Clubbers is bound to be stress-inducing. Add in a projector that refuses to work, something which I wrote about in the last newsletter, and chaos ensues. Our first service meeting was slated for September 16th, seeing as the projector refused to work last time, the Key Club Board decided to move our inaugural service meeting to the library. The Allen High School library is much more compact than the cafeteria, and as a result, Key Club members packed in for the affair. The result was slightly hectic, with Key Club members jostling for spots on the table or the stairs, but the result was a better flowing and more functional meeting than the last.



The service meeting consisted of meeting slides followed by a service. The service we chose as the Key Club Board was to make cards for custodians and special education teachers, two under-appreciated faculty groups at our school.



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Projector Problems, Pt. 2 (cont.)

These would then be paired with gift baskets assembled with the donations Key Club had accumulated in September. Key Clubbers were encouraged to include vibrant pictures and make use of colors in their titles. The cards were spectacular, with Key Clubbers putting special effort into the cards. This was our first service meeting since the start of the pandemic back in March.

The library was a welcome change to the location of our meetings.

The setting provided more intimacy amongst Key Club members, accentuating the feeling of community service.

This resulted in a more relaxed environment, where Key Clubbers were able to work on their with friends in close proximity.

Warranted, the line to turn in cards was long and stressful to manage, but the end result was worth it. Having never been in a service meeting, the experience was a new one for me as Editor. It was refreshing to see community service being performed on such a large scale. The room was bustling with excitement, and Key Club Board members had an opportunity to sit down during a meeting for a change. The projector was functional and no more phones needed to be out to view slides. Although not all is back to normal with service meetings, there is an aura of something more normal than what was experienced in the past year...

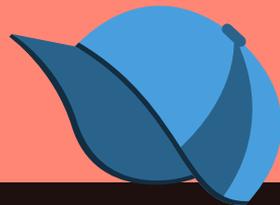


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Angel League Debut



I wrote about Angel League in the last newsletter, detailing some of the history of the service as a primer to the start of the actual service, but now that Angel League has actually started, the topic needs revisiting. The service was often described by board members as a very enjoyable experience with friendships made there lasting the course of high school, but I was not prepared, even by this, for how enjoyable the actual experience was. Angel League takes place at Allen Station Park, a park full of recreational facilities, such as softball fields, tennis courts, and walking trails. Having never played baseball in a league before, I did not know of the experience. Upon entering the softball section of the park, one is greeted with two fields parallel to one another both outfitted with the expected dugout and watching section behind the fence located behind home plate. As the sun goes down, the field is illuminated with bright lights, something which I found to be very relaxing and almost therapeutic. The sight of the sun going down in contrast to the bright green of the field awakened the inner kid in me, who spent endless hours in the summer exploring the outdoors.



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Angel League Debut (cont.)

I was paired up with a “buddy” named Reagan, who was excited to participate in Angel League again. He plays catcher and is an excellent batter. In particular, I took note of how excited he was for the whole experience, much like myself. Every time we reached the next base, we celebrated in our own unique way, there were the regular high-fives, but we also came up with elbow bumps as our own special way of celebrating. The affair ended with “Angels” migrating to home plate for a cheer before running the bases for a final time, entering a tunnel of Key Clubbers before reaching home plate.



This illuminated to me how service doesn't have to strictly come in the form of physical aid. Appreciation for someone can come in the form of emotional aid as well. Bonding over sports has been a common experience for many kids growing up, but providing it as a service was novel, and I can not be more gracious for the experience. Though Angel League has not ended yet, it ends at the end of November, I am looking forward to Mondays out on the field, where me and my “buddy” can be little kids again.



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Work, Work, Work



Key Clubbers often know what goes on behind the scenes of all the Key Club events we hold. All that is shown is a well-planned out service with clear goals and objectives laid out, with Reminds sent out informing members of the various upcoming events and deadlines in the club. In the background of all of this is the board, who coordinates these events. Being composed of mostly seasoned Key Club members, most of whom are seniors, the Key Club Board is efficient and incessantly planning. Running the whole operation is Meghna Paul and Tariq Ahmed, respectively the President and Vice President of Allen Key Club. They are responsible for overseeing the general operations of the club. Each has their own initiatives and goals for the club, working with the rest of the club to implement these goals.



Though we are early in the school year, a routine for the board has developed early, with weekly meetings and an ever active Key Club Board group chat. Within this board structure, there exists combinations of different board members who spearhead certain activities, with the whole board collaborating on large services and goals, such as the YOF grant and business meetings. For example, the chocolate fundraiser was mainly operated by Meghna Paul, myself, and Tanya Dhawan, each having different tasks within the service.

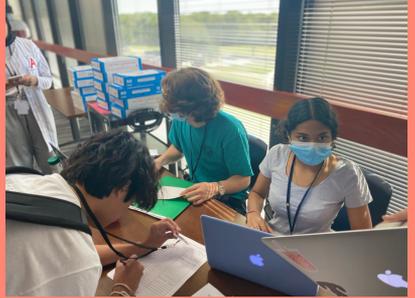


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Work, Work, Work (cont.)

Mrs. Dhawan was responsible for keeping track of which box went to who, I was responsible for the logistics of the operation, coming up with ways to streamline the process of chocolate box distribution, and Meghna Paul oversaw the whole process. Mrs. Hodson, Allen Key Club's sponsor, has been especially instrumental in the compartmentalization of different services, assigning different members to certain services when needed, as was the case with the distribution of chocolate boxes.



The process of growing into the role of Key Club Board Member has taught me the value of clear communication and knowing when to take leadership, while also providing enjoyable experiences throughout. Delegation has been the topic board meetings, with Mrs. Hodson and Mrs. Crank, both of which are Allen Key Club sponsors, stressing the importance of spreading responsibility around the board, lessening the load on the President and Vice-President to take charge of every task. The result has been a more effective process for service than ever, with constant improvements being made to further streamline the process of being a Key Club board member.



MEET THE BOARD

President- *Meghna Paul*

Hey everyone! My name is Meghna Paul, and I'm your AHS Key Club's President for the 2021-2022 school year! This is my second year on the board and my fourth year in Key Club. As president, I'm responsible for organizing services, running meetings, and contacting members about our volunteering opportunities. Outside of Key Club,

I enjoy drawing and playing tennis. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I'll be more than happy to answer them! Let's make this another amazing year!



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Class of 2022

Vice President- *Tariq Ahmed*

Hey guys! I'm Tariq Ahmed, and I'll be your AHS Key Club Vice-President! I'm currently a senior, and this will be my fourth year in Key Club, third year on the Key Club Board, and second year as Vice-President! I am here to serve the club in any capacity I can and ensure you guys get the Key Club experience you deserve. This year, I want us to

continue to reach new heights as a club, whether it's having more opportunities centered around crucial societal issues that often have a negative stigma around them, such as mental health, or having more hands-on community work. Whatever the circumstances, I am here to help make our plans a reality. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. I look forward to being your Vice-President.



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Class of 2022

MEET THE BOARD

SPC Chairman- Shivani Purohit

Hi! My name is Shivani and I'm your SPC Chairperson for the 2021-22 school year! I have been in key club since freshmen year. I will be in charge of the Service Project Committee in creating the projects for this upcoming school year as well as assisting the club in any other ways that I can! While this part year has been tough on all of us, I am all the more excited to make this year a great one and can't wait! Please feel free to reach out to me whenever :)



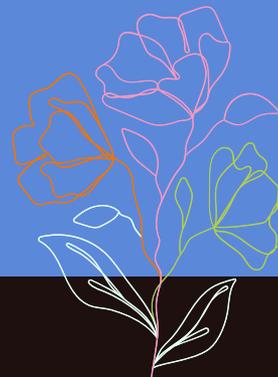
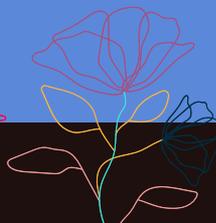
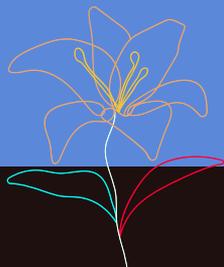
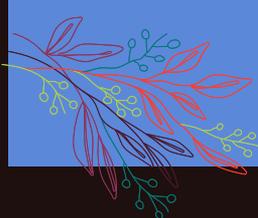
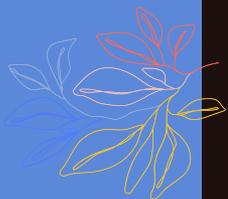
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Class of 2022

Secretary- Shree Ganesh

Hey guys! My name is Shree Ganesh and I'm excited to be your Secretary for the 2021-2022 school year! I joined Key Club as a freshman and this will be my second year on the board. As Secretary, I am mainly responsible for maintaining records and handling the logistics; please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I can't wait for another great year of Key Club!



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Class of 2022



MEET THE BOARD

Editor- Elias Munteanu

Hi guys!! My name is Elias and this is my second year in Key Club. I am the Key Club Editor for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year and I am currently a senior. Some of my responsibilities include writing articles about our service events as a club and penning the monthly Key Club newsletter. You can contact me anytime you'd like to share your experiences at a Key Club service event or social. I look forward to meeting you all this school year!

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Class of 2022



Treasurer- Akshay Vemulapalli

I'm Akshay Vemulapalli, and I am the Treasurer of Key Club for the 2021-2022 school year. I was part of the SPC for the last two years and I'm dedicated to helping out our community. My interests are math, science, and coding.

I am responsible, and can communicate well.

My duties as a treasurer are to manage the club's financials and keep track of membership. Outside of school, I enjoy playing sports with my friends and video games. I'm excited to bounce back from the pandemic and serve you guys this year!

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Class of 2023



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Historian- Charlene Han

Hi, my name is Charlene Han, and I am AHS Key Club's Historian for the 2021-2022 school year. As a Historian, I am in charge of making two scrapbooks for our club to submit at LEDCON. I will be taking and accepting pictures of our club members during Key Club activities and events. Other than being the Historian, I also work as an SPC member for Key Club. I am a sophomore this year, which will make it my second year in Key Club. I hope this year will be filled with new goals and fun events! Feel free to email me if you have any questions, or wish to send me pictures of the scrapbooks!



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Class of 2024

Sergeant at Arms- Tanya Dhawan

Hi ya'll! My name is Tanya Dhawan, and I'm your Sergeant At Arms for the 2021-2022 school year. This is my first year on the Key Club board and my third year in Key Club. I look forward to serving our school, community, and city as well as creating forms for service hours. Aside from Key Club, I'm the Vice President of the senior class (2022) and part of the AHS student council. I also enjoy playing volleyball, hanging out with friends, and listening to music. Let's make the most out of this school year!



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Class of 2022

MEET THE BOARD

Webmaster- Nicole Bain

Hi guys! I'm Nicole Bain and I'm your webmaster for the 2021-2022 school year. This will be my third year in Key Club and first year on the board. As the webmaster, my job is to update our website with pictures of our club, important information, and service opportunities. I am also a part of the Service Project Committee where I help our club create services. I'm excited to serve you all, and don't be afraid to contact me if you have any questions. Let's make the most of this school year!



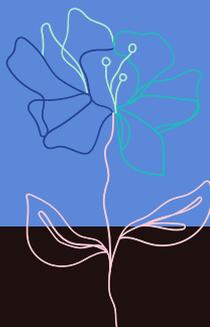
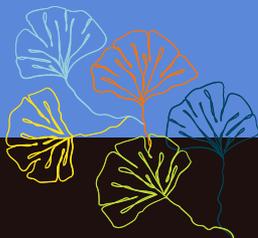
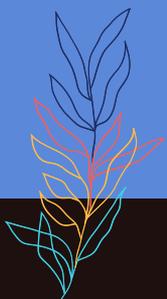
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Class of 2022

PR Officer- Jenna Young

Hey! My name is Jenna Young and I am so excited to be the Public Relations Officer this year! I am a senior, and this is my third year in Key Club. Outside of Key Club, I love to participate in our school's marching band as a clarinet player and spend time with my friends and family. I'm looking forward to a great year!



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Class of 2022

SPC Member- Snigdha Ramineni

Hi! My name is Snigdha Ramineni and I am going to be a part of SPC for the 2021-2022 school year. I've been in Key Club since freshmen year and now I'm a junior. Key Club gave me the opportunity to volunteer continuously and I've met so many great people through it. I'm also in Debate along with Allen4Awareness and I enjoy being involved in our community. Please don't hesitate to ask questions and I'm so excited to see what we'll do this year!



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Class of 2023



MEET THE SPC COMMITTEE

SPC Member- Angela Suresh

Hi! My name is Angela Suresh! I love to volunteer and help out my community, especially when it comes to graphic design. I am so grateful to be on the Key Club SPC committee this year since I can utilize my skills to lead and impact our school for the better! Nice meeting you!



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Class of 2022

SPC Member- Allison Dwiggins

Hello! I am Allison Dwiggins, and I am a junior. This is my third year in Key Club! I am interested in the business and finance field, but in my free time I really enjoy creative writing, reading, traveling, and hanging out with my friends and family! This year I will be a part of the Service Project Committee in Key Club. I am super excited to come up with fun and exciting ways for you to get service hours and get involved in Allen High School and the Allen community. Can't wait for an amazing and special year!



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Class of 2023

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SPC Member- Grace Noh

Hey guys! My name is Grace Eunsu Noh, and I'm a member of the Service Project Committee for the 2021-2022 school year. This is my second year in Key Club, and I'm so excited to plan service projects for Key Club members this year. Aside from Key Club, I'm an officer at Red Cross Eagles and a part of the Allen Orchestra. I love spending time with friends and family, trying new things, and making others smile. I am very thankful for this wonderful opportunity to spread kindness in our community!



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Class of 2024

SPC Member- Sanjana Kishore

Hi all! My name is Sanjana Kishore and I am an incoming junior. I joined Key Club in my sophomore year, and even though it was virtual, I have had so much fun taking part in all of the club's activities. Outside of school, I like to dance, play the violin, play video games, and take part in STEAM activities. I hope to encourage fellow Key Clubbers to engage more in helping their community by organizing fun service projects to make this school year a great one!



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Class of 2023



MEET THE SPC COMMITTEE

SPC Member- Divya Lohar

Hey! I'm Divya Lohar and I'm a member of the SPC. I'm currently a senior and this is my second year in Key Club! I'm also involved in other school activities, such as the Allen Eagle Escadrille. I am so excited to create new service project ideas to benefit our community!



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Class of 2022

SPC Member- Zina Abou Assali

Hello! My name is Zina Abou Assali and I am going to be part of the service project committee this year. I am now a senior and it will be my third year in Key Club! I'm looking forward to helping with new ideas that everyone can utilize for the benefit of our community!



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