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**KEEPING UP WITH  
DIVISION 8**

**Division 8 Monthly Newsletter**

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**New Jersey District of Key Club International**

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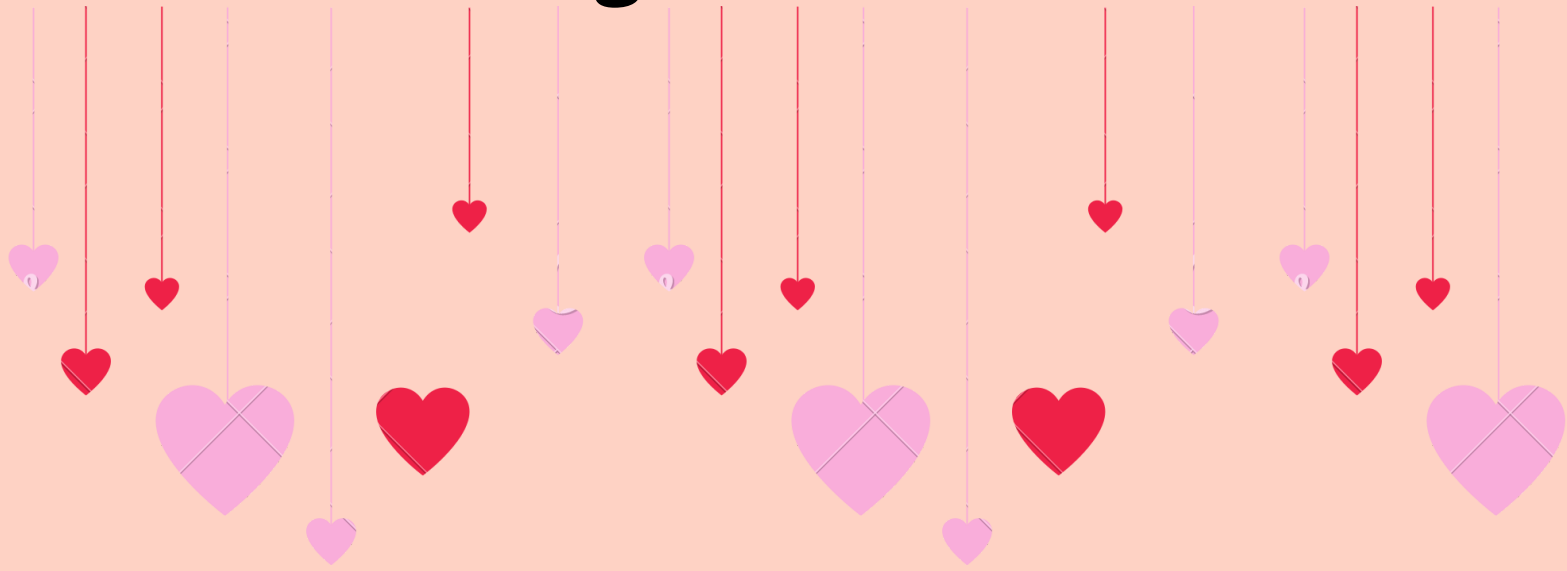
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# A Message From Your LTG



Hello Division 8,

Happy everyone! I hope you all have been having an amazing February. I have so many exciting updates in my newsletter this month. This includes some special updates and additional information on Division 8.

As you are all beginning to host more club meetings, please start to plan the logistics and fundraising for DECON. It's important to begin sending out community service opportunities, such as conducting a food drive, participating in a beach clean-up, etc. I will be available if you need any help. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Caring and Service,  
Steven Yuro  
LTG of Division 8



# CLUBS OF DIVISION 8

Monroe Township  
High School



Piscataway  
High School



North Brunswick  
Township  
High School



East Brunswick  
High School



Highland Park  
High School



New Brunswick  
High School



Old Bridge  
High School



Perth Amboy  
High School



South Plainfield  
High School



# JANUARY CELEBRITY OF THE MONTH...

## Raul Martinez



Position: Vice-President  
School: East Bruwnsick High School

Raul is a dedicated Key Club member. They are a very hardworking, determined, and caring individual who truly embodies the characteristics of Key Club International. Congratulations and thank you for everything you do for Key Club!

# DUES



ANNUAL DUES ARE \$13.50 CLUBS  
CAN CHARGE AN ADDITIONAL  
AMOUNT UP TO \$5

BREAKDOWN OF DUES IS AS FOLLOWS

- \$7.00 is given to Key Club International
- \$6.50 is given to the New Jersey District

## **DUES DEADLINE**

**EARLY BIRD: DECEMBER 1, 2021**

**REGULAR: JANUARY 1, 2022**

Dues trickle down to the club level, funding amazing events like Fall Rally and DCON, scholarships, and club service projects.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our District Treasurer Eric Wong, at [ewong@njkeyclub.org](mailto:ewong@njkeyclub.org)



## HOW ARE CLUBS THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY INCORPORATING THE DISTRICT PROJECT?

"We've been in contact with organizations in our community and planned a Great Global Clean-Up to take place on Earth Day at a nearby park in our area. Once the weather gets warmer, we are also planning to undergo a gardening project and find a place in our community to start a garden and make the world a little brighter. Until then, we are working on PSAs to send out to our school regarding our project, our service partners, how to make eco-friendly life choices, and encouraging them to join in on our activities."

- Hightstown High School Key Club

"We consistently promote river/town cleanups around Bergen County. We also educate ourselves and others on "Keeping the Garden State Green" and its effects on climate change. For example, we are planning an awareness day where we watch a relevant documentary while we make cards for children in hospitals. Many of our fundraisers go towards organizations that promote keeping the Earth clean."

- Bergen County Academies Key Club

"We have done both state-wide clean ocean action cleanups. We have also done a walkathon raising over 1,000 dollars for Clean Ocean Action. We continue to raise money for Clean Ocean Action with our club meeting bake sales we do at all of our general meetings. A representative from Clean Ocean Action also talked at one of our most recent general meetings. We have also joined other town cleanups and garden events."

- Brick Memorial High School Key Club

"We are working on making a mural out of bottle caps. So far, we have been collecting the caps and handing out service hours for this. In the future, we will start painting the caps and making a picture out of it relating to plastic waste or the environment."

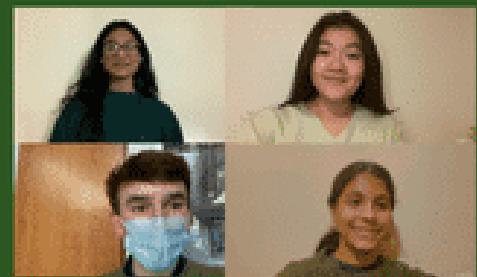
- Middlesex High School Key Club

# GO GREEN WITH KEY CLUB

Join the District Project Committee during our week of action from February 21st-25th!

## *From Meditational Monday...*

The NJ Key Club Board will share how they take care of their mental health in a video!



*...to a special presentation on Environmental Conservation by New Jersey Future...*

*... along with poster-making contests with a chance to be featured...there are many ways to get involved!*



***More information coming soon!!***





# RESOURCES/ORGANIZATIONS

## DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (DBRA)

- National organization offering support for individuals with Bipolar mood disorders
- Offers support network for parents of children with mood disorders
- Local chapter meetings and online support

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

- Goal of improving the lives of those diagnosed with mental illness
- Website full of research, facts and statistics on types of mental health illness

## AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC & PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Two separate organizations of psychiatrists & psychologists with the goal of providing care and information for people with mental health disorders

## AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY (ASCP)

- Organization comprised of psychiatrists, other physicians and doctoral researches who study psychopharmacology
- Website provides information on psychopharmacology and offers support for finding a psychopharmacologist

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- Government organization providing information and treatment for mental illness

## WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP:

- Organize a local event to raise awareness and/or money for a mental health organization
- Raise awareness by distributing flyers in schools, doctors offices, grocery stores, schools, and religious centers
- Ask your local hospital to host a support center
- Contact a speaker to talk to your school about a certain mental health issue
- Contact local legislatures to support mental health issues
- Volunteer your time and/or money to support mental health at a local chapter organization

# NOW SHOWING

## 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

New Jersey Key Club

# DECON

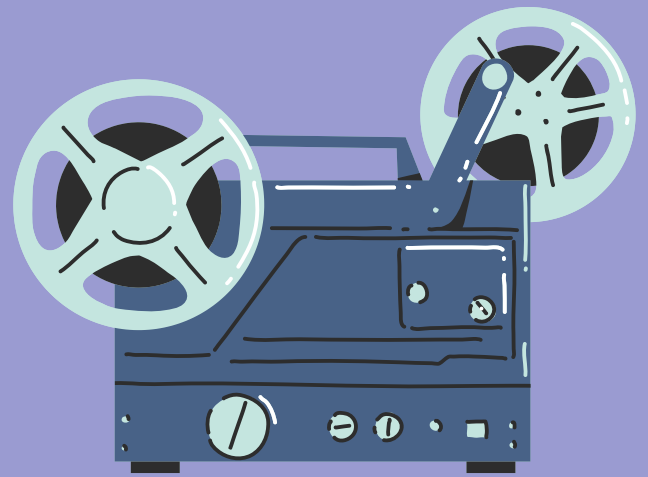
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### April 8th - 10th

DoubleTree Somerset Hotel  
200 Atrium Dr, Somerset, NJ 08873



Walking the Red Carpet of Service



NJ Key Club presents...

THE 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
DISTRICT EDUCATION CONFERENCE

# TALENT SHOW

SAT, APRIL 9TH  
@ 2:30 PM

The Double Tree Hotel,  
Somerset, NJ

Show off your incredible and  
unique talents in our annual  
talent competition for the  
chance to win special prizes!

**REGISTER ON-SITE AT DECON!**

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR DECON TO PARTICIPATE



## DR. BATSIS KEY OF HONOR AWARD

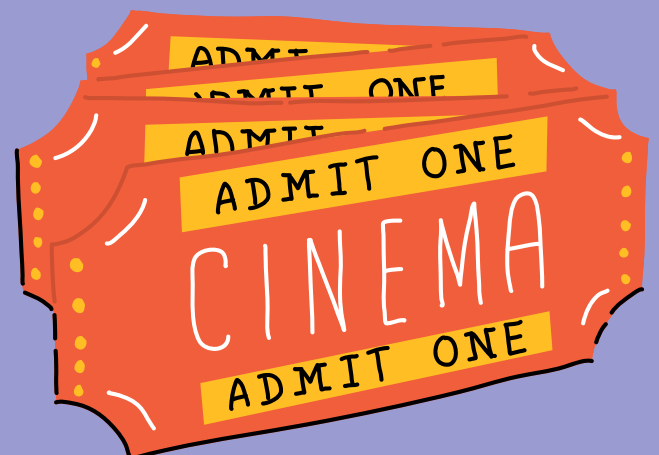
**What is it?:** This is the highest accolade that can be awarded to an adult within the New Jersey District of Key Club International.

**Who is eligible?:** Nominees for the Key of honor should demonstrate a commitment to community service and has gone above and beyond to advise their club. He or she should have a long history of dedication to their position as a leader within the club

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED  
BY THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2022 AT 11:59 PM

**Process for nomination:** ALL nominations must be submitted into this form link (<https://fs6.formsite.com/NJKeyClub/dapn1jy5kp/index.html>) and contain the following....

- Biographical sketch of personal history
- Evidence of involvement in the community
- Kiwanis Family and other youth service affiliations
- Letters of recommendation (maximum of six - some suggested are Kiwanis Family organization letters and community, civic, and school letters)
- Applicant's history of service



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