NEBRASKA-IOWA KEY CLUB

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N-I KEY CLUB NEWS



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The Nebraska-Iowa District Key Club Convention was held in West Des Moines over the March 20-22, 2026. Though the focus of the event is to elect new officers to serve on the 2026-2027 District Board of Directors, K-Family Education and fun and FUNdraising was had by all.

Friday evening consisted of a card game fundraiser with all proceeds to benefit the Governor's Service project, The Thirst Project. With Governor Lilly's goal of $2,000.00, the district was able to reach a total of $4,267! This is enough money to build a well along with another district! We are saving lives of children in our world and we are still having more fundraisers!

After the weekend of elections, caucus' and speeches the following were elected to serve on the 26-27 District Board:

Governor: Andrea Hu, Lincoln East High
Secretary: Claire Wang, Ames High School
Bulletin Editor: Grace Cai, East High School
Area 2 Lt. Governor: Risha Gumudavalli, East High
Area 3 Lt. Governor: Noah Beck, Fremont High Key Club
Area 4 Lt. Governor: Peyton Fitchhorn, Woodbine Key Club
Area 5 Lt. Governor: Annie Clements, Okoboji Key Club
Area 6 Lt. Governor: Babika Rai, Valley High Key Club
Area 7 Lt. Governor: Marley Fonck, Linn Mar High

Area 1 Lt. Governor, 2 Webmaster positions and 4 Lt. Governor-At Large positions will be named by applications.



Past Kiwanis International President Steve Siemens speaks to Key Club members

Participants would like to thank the following clubs and donors for generously helping Key Club members to attend the convention that did not have Kiwanis Club sponsors:

- **Lt Governor George Cook & wife Lyynna Gene**
- **Past Kiwanis Governor, Don Fritz**
- **Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis Club**
- **Lincoln Sunrise Kiwanis Club**
- **Omaha West Kiwanis Club**
- **Sioux City Kiwanis Club**
- **Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club**

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New Board members are scheduled to be trained April 10-12, 2026 in Bellevue, Nebraska.

The next official event will be the Key Club International Convention June 28-July 5 in Dallas, Texas. If there are any clubs with budgets that allow, please consider sponsoring a student or donating any amount to Nebraska-Iowa Key Club! For questions, contact Tracey Domgard, Key Club Administrator at tsdomgard@gmail.com

ANNOUNCING!
THE 2026 KEY OF HONOR AWARD

FROM THE DESK OF TRACEY DOMGARD,
Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District Administrator

Nebraska-Iowa Key Club Is Awarded the Key of Honor For Only the Second Time!

The highest award of service in Key Club International has awarded to Dr. Sarah Staples-Farmer, Key Club Faculty Advisor from Lincoln East High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Convention was held in West Des Moines, Iowa over the weekend of March 20-22, 2026.

The Key of Honor can only be nominated by students and is judged by the International Board of Trustees of Key Club International, who are students. The honor dates back to 1941 and boasts honorees such as President John F. Kennedy and Senator Hubert Humphrey.

Dr. Staples-Farmer was nominated by District Board members and senior students Hailey Tran and Sophia Wang both of East High in Lincoln. Their speech to surprise their Key Club Advisor touched the entire room with the history of what Key Club members have been awarded by her gifts. The award was formally presented by Past President of Kiwanis Interantional Steve Siemens and Past Key of Honor Recipient Ron Petsch as well as Dr. Staples-Farmers' students.

Pictured L-R: Past Int'l Kiwanis President Steve Siemens, Past Key of Honor Recipient and District Governor Ron Petsch, Dr. Sarah Staples-Farmer, Hailey Tran and Sophia Wang from East HIgh Key Club

