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Blazer Gazette

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Beginning of a new semester

Hello Circle K at UAB!

From fundraising, leadership building, and social activities, we've had a great month in October. This year, members represented CKI at the Homecoming Contests in Blazer Hustle and the Green and Gold Games. Thank you Jonathan for your leadership and management of promotion of CKI at Homecoming.

Several members attended the LSC Fall Leadership Conference on October 19th and brought back tips and skills we hope to employ in leading CKI. We look forward to your inputs and applications of these new skills.

On October 3rd, the general meeting ended with CKI Webinar: Rock n Recruit. This event helped members understand the most effective ways of recruiting new members and reaching out to the students not-yet a member of CKI.

October 18th general meeting was game night. CKI played catchphrase and ate snacks. Be sure to ask members who went how fun it was!

There was a Krispy Kreme donut tabling at Mervyn Sterne on October 24th to raise funds for ALA that was very successful; thank you Cokie for arranging it and everyone who came out to table! The Kiwanis of Birmingham also funded our members to attend the ALA by cutting down fees by half.

The Trick or Treat for UNICEF boxes will be collected on November 7th. UNICEF has raised more than \$170 million since 1950 to help children with programs in health care, clean water, nutrition and education. Thank you to everyone who participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF all of you are making the world a better place for children. We will also table to raise funds, so please be sure to drop by.

The Halloween Social meeting was a blast; members got together for fun, socializing, games, and snacks!

It's not too late to join a committee, contact Shefa S to join: uab@alabama.circlek.org.

If you have information, events, stories, etc. you'd like to see on the next Bulletin, feel free to contact me!

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CKI at UAB representing at ALA 2013 in Camp Lee, Anniston, AL

Ongoing Events:

S. Hampton Tutoring: Mon 3PM STAIR Tutoring Mon/Wed 3:15pm RIF: Thurs Glenn Iris: Wed/Thurs

Kiwanis Meetings (Vestavia) Breakfast: Tuesday 7:30AM Birmingham Luncheon: Tuesday 12PM

Experiences from A.L.A.

The ALA is a weekend-long event for Circle K members of the Alabama district designed to challenge and provoke leadership skills in the young people who attend. ALA leaders and camp staff guide a creative program that includes leadership instruction, workshops, low ropes team building courses, and optional recreational activities. ALA is a great way to meet incredible CKI people from across the district who share the same passion for service. Many of us make lifelong friends and gain confidence and experience in various areas of leadership.

On our first night of ALA 2013, leadership workshop started promptly after everyone had a chance to settle down and unpack. It was rowdy as each person chose their bunk bed and explored to the ping pong in the balcony. Friends from different schools greeted each other as more and more people arrived. On Friday's agenda was team assignments and introduction. We met our respective team members from various schools. Go team purple!

Saturday was the first full day since everyone gathered on

Friday night. We had a low ropes challenge course for each team to accomplish, such as trust falls and lava crossings. Through low ropes courses, we learned the fundamentals of leadership. We learned that the basis of teamwork is trust, and how important teamwork is for building effective leadership. Each member of a team is contributing and important, regardless of their position or title. As our camp facilitator told us, "It doesn't matter if you're the CEO or the janitor of the company; everyone plays a crucial part a company can't do without."

Throughout the amazing weekend, we had the opportunity to explore further into what we believed is good leadership qualities and what deterrents us as individuals from achieving these goals. We shared and supported each other as a group while we strategized for ways to overcome these individual difficulties.

One of the key points I took with me from this weekend is that everyone's work is equally important and trust is the starting

LEADERSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

SERVICE



CKI UAB members pose with Marcus, Camp Lee staff, at ALA.



Canoeing in ALA 2013



ALA 2013



SET GOALS.

If you know where your career interests lie, college is a good time to set both long-term and short-term goals. A short-term goal could be to join an association or group affiliated with your course of study, and a long-term goal could be to run for office in that group.

Setting priorities and managing time will include all activities in the loop—be it studying, sports, or part-time work.

The goal is to give every activity its fair share of time and effort, do your best on it, and to fit it into your daily schedule. But whatever your priorities never let your grades suffer.

Poch, assistant vice-president for educational development at Washington State University, says: “First off, keep in mind that you are here for school; and second, if you’re not academically successful, it just won’t matter that you have co-curricular obligations.”



SERVICE LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Upcoming Events

Join in the PRSSA Can Food/Nonperishables Drive. Look for the collection boxes around campus, made by our own CKI members!

- Nov. 7 (Thu 6:30-8:30) Induction Ceremony: Induct new members into CKI.
- Nov. 9 (Sat 7am-12pm) Habitat for Humanity—CKI UAB will participate regularly as a group from now on. Meet @ Minipark for carpooling. Breakfast provided!
- Nov. 14 (Thurs 10am-1pm) LSC Food Packaging at Blazer RLC. Package foods for developing countries.
- Nov. 16 (Sat 9am-1pm) Into the Streets: Choose from several sites to volunteer for the day, lunch will be provided (Hosted by LSC Council)
- Nov. 16 (Sat 11am-12pm) UAB Day Tabling at UAB Bartow Arena: Inform high school students about CKI at UAB
- Nov. 16 (Sat 7am-4pm) Habitat for Humanity—CKI UAB will participate regularly as a group from now on. Meet @ Minipark for carpooling. Breakfast & lunch provided!

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