

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of the Crimson Key community,

As tourists are flocking around John Harvard Statue and the weather is finally beginning to resemble summer, Crimson Key has many proud moments to reflect on from this past semester.

This spring we helped staff Junior Parents Weekend, Arts First and, for the first time in recent memory, we organized an event during the April Visiting Days, welcoming 500 pre-frosh with an ice cream social. The Guidebook to Harvard University is in its final stages of completion, and our daily historical tours are running smoothly. Finally, Key has continued to shine on both the soccer and softball fields, astounding all with our athletic prowess and team spirit!

As of April 18, we have elected 32 excellent new members into our Key family. Congratulations to Grace Baumgartner, our Vice President and Comp Maestro, for running an incredible Comp 2010! Our new members give excellent tours, love Harvard, and are so excited to be in Crimson Key!

Of course, in welcoming the new, we bid farewell to the old. Seniors, thank you for your love and dedication to this organization; you will be sorely missed. Stay in touch, and hopefully we will see you at Harvard-Yale 2010!

Along the same note, as the seniors join the ranks of our alumni, the board is making new strides towards expanding our graduate network. In conjunction with the CKS Alumni Association, we are creating an Alumni Database, through which we will be able to contact graduates for future alumni events and keep everyone connected to the Crimson Key community. Alumni, please take out a few minutes of your time and visit the home page on our website and click on "The Alumni Database Project" at the bottom of the page (check out Maddie's blurb on the right!) to become a part of this great initiative and share your information with Key!

Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to those of you who have donated to Crimson Key this semester. Your support allows us to grow and undertake new initiatives every year, such as those you will read about in this edition of Keystone. We are so grateful to you.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and, as always, stay in touch!

All my best,
Eeke de Milliano '11, President

THE NEW CKS ALUMNI DATABASE

I'm Madelaine Boyd, a Love Story goddess-to-be who's been making some minor changes around the Crimson Key website. These changes include adding a member login button, working to optimize search engine traffic, making a current calendar of scheduled tours available to all members, and embedding the comp video on the comp page. Most notably, I'm working with Eeke and the rest of the Board on the Alumni Database project. Soon, contact information provided by alumni will be accessible to those within the Crimson Key community. If you are interested in becoming a part of our alumni network, please visit the following link: <http://crimsonkeysociety.org/announcements/the-alumni-database-project>. We're very excited to see this project coming along!

Madelaine Boyd '12



New Key members Scott Yim '13, Alicia Keyes '13, and Kathleen Goodwin '13

MEET A CKS MEMBER

Crimson Key has been a legend for me long before I ever got to Harvard. My sister, Aditi Banga '09, was a member of Key and used to come home every break with stories and memories about the amazing tours she had given and, more importantly, the lifelong friends she had made. Of course it sounded like fun to me back when I was just a sophomore in high school, but I didn't really understand why she loved it so much. Little did I know that as soon as I stepped on campus, Key would have me under its spell, too. It all started when I was moving into my freshman dorm. Key members were the first people I saw, and their friendly faces made me so excited to finally be at school. So, when it came time to decide whether I wanted to comp, I jumped at the chance. It was hard work learning the tour and making it my own, but now that I have met the group, it was all worth it. I get why my sister gave everything she had to this organization—not only is it filled with some of the most exciting, outgoing, and humorous kids at school, but it also gives all its members a chance to give back to campus. I am excited and proud to pick up where my sister left off when she graduated. Now that I finally get to call that red sweatshirt that I saw around campus and in my sister's closet for the past three years my own, I can't wait to start my Key journey.

Jvotika Banqa '13

GUIDEBOOK UPDATE

The Guidebook project is still in full swing! Thanks to our dedicated publishing team at the Harvard Student Agencies, we have a full-color manuscript decked out with dozens of contemporary and archival pictures. With the summer approaching, we've decided to push the print date back to September 2010 so that we can finish some final editorial changes. This move opens the door for new Key members to get involved in the project; Caroline Burke, Kathleen Goodwin and Todd Venook are all staying on campus this summer and will work to make the Guidebook finally ready for print.

Thank you for your continuing support; it is always wonderful to see how excited people around us are by this endeavor. Make sure to check the Guidebook out on Amazon when it is published!

Alexandre Terrien '11
Guidebook and Marketing Manager

Comp 2010: By the Numbers

- 450 posters
- 1 Crimson Key Snowman
- 164 applications
- 2 attempts at bribery
- 38 hours of interviews
- 11 model tours
- 9 gallons of ice cream
- 1 fire alarm
- 146 tour evaluations
- 37 hours of deliberations
- 8 pots of coffee
- 1 red velvet cake
- 54 days
- 3 Key couples
- 32 baby Key members
- 1 amazing class

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead this year's Crimson Key Comp! I couldn't have done it without the unwavering support of Board and the unbridled enthusiasm of every Key member. A special thank you is due to my partner in culinary crime, Amelia Muller '11, for helping me frost a cake in my dorm room!

Love and Keyeses,
Grace Baumgartner '11
Vice President/Comp Director

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Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

After a wildly successful spring semester, Crimson Key is preparing to come back this fall with new ideas and innovations to improve our reach and impact in the Harvard community. If you would like to support us in our endeavors by making a donation, please see the information below.

At this time, we would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past semester. They are recognized above. We are so grateful for your contributions!

All the best,
Cody Evans '12, Treasurer

Online Donations – Not tax deductible

We are pleased to announce that donations can now be made [through our website](http://www.crimsonkeysociety.org), www.crimsonkeysociety.org, under "donations." It is easier, quicker, and just as safe!

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Senior Key members Molly Donovan '10 and Lucy Baird '10 welcome new Key member Ben Moss '13 at CKS's annual Banquet