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the crimson key society

A Message from the President

Kathleen Goodwin '13

Dear CKS Friends, Family and Alums,

My best wishes for a happy and productive start to 2013! As I come to the conclusion of my two years serving on the Crimson Key Society Executive Board, I couldn't be more

grateful to the past and present members of CKS for the volume of support and laughter they have brought to my Harvard experience.

This past year I was extraordinarily lucky to lead an exceptionally hard-working Board, who in turn had the honor of leading an incredibly enthusiastic organization. The Board's coordination, organization and negotiation skills have unified the CKS community and made 2012 a remarkably successful year. From the excitement and commotion of Freshman Week to the daily demands of tours and the TEACH program, this semester was notable because of the energy and grace the Board dependably demonstrated and the dedication to Key and each other the entire organization consistently displayed. My utmost thanks and appreciation to you all! I'd especially like to thank my partner in all things Key-related, Andrew Hellman '13, who ran the most competitive comp process CKS has ever seen last semester and was instrumental in incorporating our wonderful class of 33 new members this semester.

One of the recent accomplishments of which I am the most proud is the \$400 current CKS undergrads donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in honor of Wendy Chang '12, for the Out of the Darkness Community Walk in which a number of CKS alums participated in October. CKS



Members of Key at the annual Tacky Sweater Holiday Party.

pledged to match individual donations so we are pleased to announce that we raised a total of \$800. A very special thank you to Learah Lockhart '12 for coordinating with us to make this fundraising possible!

The elections to choose the 2013 Executive Board stretched many hours, survived one venue change and even included a surprise gift of cookies. CKS was compelled to make a number of extremely difficult decisions while electing our new leadership. I was incredibly impressed with the courage and initiative so many of the members, new and old, showed by running for a Board position. Congratulations to the 2013 Board and expect truly fantastic things from them and from all of CKS in the coming year!

All my love and thanks,
Kathleen Goodwin



Congratulations to the 2013 Crimson Key Executive Board!

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Treasurer's Update

Anna Santoleri '14

CKS is grateful for a generous gift of key-themed scarves and ties, donated anonymously in honor of Dean Fitzsimmons. This neckwear will be given to current and new members in the spring. We appreciate this wonderful donation!

CKS is always appreciative of the support of donors, whether it is \$5 or much more. Anyone can make a tax-deductible donation of whatever size online or via check. Checks should be made payable to "Harvard University" or "President and Fellows of Harvard College". Donors should include "Crimson Key Society" on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to: Crimson Key Society, Student Organization Center at Hilles, 59 Shepard St. Box# 34, Cambridge, MA 02138

Donors can donate online through the Harvard University Alumni Affairs and Development website. Upon reaching the website, donors should choose "FAS/Harvard College/GSAS" under school/affiliate, and "Harvard College Fund: Unrestricted" under "fund". In the "comments/other designation" box, include "Crimson Key Society" and our gift account number (310-330294).

Donors will be recognized in the next issue of Keystone and in future editions of the guidebook. Thank you in advance for all of your support!

Guidebook Update

Zach Hamed '14

The newest version of the guidebook was released this fall and is a huge hit. For the first time, 8,000 books were put on sale in Barnes & Noble stores across the country. Of those 8,000, only a few hundred books are still left! The book is also on sale on Amazon: buy a copy or 10 at <http://tinyurl.com/insideharvardamazon>.



The 2012 president and vice president in their Love Story costumes.



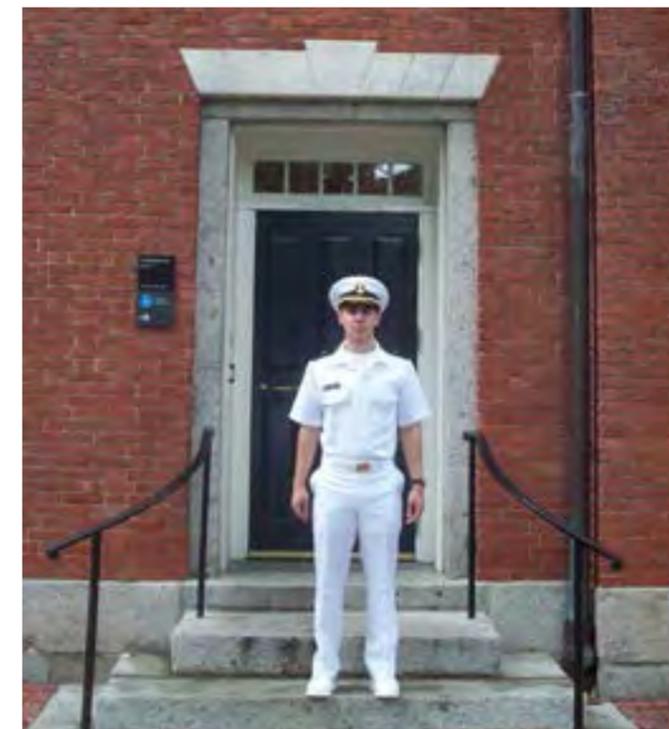
CKS and ROTC: The Meaning of Service

Sebastian Saldivar '15

With my green sea bag over one shoulder, I walked through Harvard Yard with a big grin on my face. After a couple weeks at Naval Station Newport, RI, where I spent all of my time with about 40 other incoming college freshmen headed to schools all around the Boston area learning how to shine shoes, drill, and shout off naval knowledge; I was glad to be home. As I walked toward a big red tent, I had no idea what the Crimson Key Society was, but the energy in the tent and the sincere smiles made me instantly love it.

Our conversation was small, and even though I walked away with only an information packet and room key, I walked away with a good idea of what Harvard had to offer. Service to country is extremely important to me, something I am constantly reminded of every weekday morning around 0600 when I rise for Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps(NROTC) training for the day. There are many motivations for committing to a program that will allow me to serve as a Naval officer upon graduation, one of those is being part of something greater than self.

What I saw that first day walking through Harvard Yard during Freshmen Week 2011 was also a service towards something greater than one person, a service organization dedicated to serving the Harvard community. I loved how I was welcomed to Harvard, and CKS is constantly helping people understand how to navigate Harvard. Whether an incoming freshman, visiting parent or tourist, or an aspiring Cambridge public school kid, Crimson Key gives everyone a warm welcome and small taste of the Harvard experience. I am honored to take up that service with the Crimson Key Society and give the next midshipman a kind smile after a hard couple of weeks.



Midshipman Salvidar in uniform.

CKS Alumni Database

If you're a new alum or someone whose information changed in the past year, be sure to update your information on Crimson Key's alumni database, alumni.crimsonkeysociety.org. The networking portal allows current members to see where Key alumni are currently located and what they're working on, and Key alumni to see what their fellow classmates are doing. CKS also has a LinkedIn group you can join. Both are works in progress, so let us know if you have any suggestions!