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Live to Serve!

The Commencement of the 2015-2016 Service Year

Love to Serve!

Starting April 1st, the new board officially took over, commencing hopefully a great year filled with service, fellowship and leadership! Here's a little bit about our new board!

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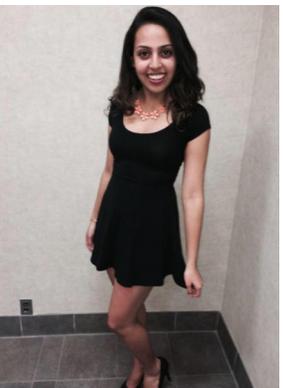
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Parth Patel is a Sophomore in the School of Arts and Sciences, and is majoring in Genetics with a minor in Public Health. Currently, Parth wants to attend medical school to become a doctor. Parth has only been a member of Circle K for a year, but Circle K has already become a huge part of his life. His favorite tenant is Fellowship, because he loves to make friends with new members and grow bonds with everyone within the organization! Fun fact, Parth loves long walks in the beach!



Nehali Thakkar is currently a sophomore studying Cell Biology & Neuroscience. She joined the K-Family her second semester of freshmen year, and couldn't be happier that she did. Outside of service, Nehali loves reading and singing. She is super excited to be Vice President for the coming service year, and can't wait to see what we all accomplish as a club.



Christine Yen is a sophomore studying Cell Biology and Neuroscience. She enjoys dedicating time to her community, and is glad to have found a perfect fit for her at Rutgers Circle K. Circle K means a lot to her, especially because it offers a perfect variety of volunteer opportunities to choose from all around New Brunswick. Through this club, she has met many of her closest friends, and she enjoys doing community service because it is a great way to get to know new people. Going to the Christ's Church Food Pantry is her favorite service activity, so contact her if you are interested in volunteering there! She's enthusiastic for the upcoming service year, and cannot wait to welcome more members to the club.



Shikha Gupta is a junior studying Information Technology & Informatics with a minor in Business Administration and Psychology. Born and raised in India, Shikha only moved to America in 2010. While in India, Shikha attended boarding school for 3 years which is where she was exposed to the wonderful world of volunteering. Every alternate weekend, she and her classmates would take a trip to the local orphanage where they would spend the day playing with the children there. Shikha is very proud of her culture and where she's from and doesn't shy away from cultural events. In her free time she likes to watch movies, listen to music and dance! She aims to be very successful in her field in the future and hopes to one day be able to visit all the countries in the world!!



Anjani Patel is a sophomore studying Genetics with a double minor in Nutrition and Gender Studies. In her free time she enjoys going to art museums and volunteering her time with Circle K. She has been part of the Kiwanis family since builders club and plans to make a life long commitment to service, fellowship and leadership. She loves meeting new people so don't be shy to approach her! She looks forward to making many more friendships and working towards improving the community!

"I pledge to uphold the Objects of Circle K International, to foster compassion and goodwill towards others through service and leadership, to develop my abilities and the abilities of all people, and to dedicate myself to the realization of mankind's potential."



DCON



DCON has workshops, awards, elections, performances, and so much more. Rutgers University Circle K received the privilege to host this years DCON. Themed with “countries around the world,” this DCON proved to be a memorable experience where Rutgers CKI members met their fellow New Jersey members and got awarded for their hard work this service year.



“My first NJCKI district convention was such an amazing experience and I can't wait to attend more! I felt that everyone there was so genuine in their passion for service and I was happy to see many members recognized for their hard work. A moment that our entire club really enjoyed was when one of our club members thought he didn't pass try-outs for the talent competition, but when his name was announced for winning the competition, our entire table was so elated and could not stop laughing. Overall, this DCON was a memorable one and I could not be happier that I attended!”

—Riddhi Patel



RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life is an overnight walk which raises money for the American Cancer Society. It is a fun-filled event that brings the

community together toward a worthwhile cause. Circle K members spent these 12+ hours together, laughing, playing, dancing and walking.



HALF MARATHON

Members volunteered to cheer on the dedicated runners during the Half Marathon.

"I had a blast cheering on the courageous athletes that ran! It was inspiring watching people of all ages sweat their way through the event. I wish I could run that far in one go, but encouraging them was the best support I could give. It was truly a great experience and a cold one" —Dominik Uy



DANCE MARATHON



Guided entirely by a team of undergraduates, Rutgers University Dance Marathon is an event in which students stand on their feet for 30 hours to benefit the families of children with cancer and blood disorders. Over the past 14 years it has raised over \$4.2 million for Embrace Kids Foundation, making RUDM Rutgers' largest student organization and the biggest student-run philanthropic event in New Jersey.

"Volunteering at the Rutgers Dance Marathon was a fun experience. We worked the last shift with several other student organizations to disassemble and clean up for the successful event. I can't wait to assemble a team for Circle K next year so we can participate as dancers and raise even more money!"

—Christine Yen

SERVICE WEEK

Circle K clubs around the world participate in CKI Service Week April 5-11, 2015.

CKI Service Week exists to increase awareness of CKI, the Kiwanis family and CKI's preferred charities to make an impact on both the community and the world with service!

SUNDAY



Bake sale preparation

MONDAY



Raised \$105.10 for the March of Dimes!

TUESDAY



Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority Inc. Candlelight Vigil - To honor those who have fought and are still fighting the battle

WEDNESDAY



Christ Church Food Pantry and in Meeting Service Free Rice Game

THURSDAY



Children's Specialized Hospital

FRIDAY



Children's Aids Network Rutgers Best Dance Crew

SATURDAY



Dance Marathon



FAREWELL
BANQUET



"The farewell banquet was a great way to end a great service year! I got to share wonderful memories with my new CKI family" -Anjani Patel



The Farewell Banquet consisted of a fun night with awards, acknowledgements and dinner.



Sanath Shetty accepting an award for excellence.

Sanath truly excelled as a President, making his members feel welcome and creating a memorable impact on Rutgers Circle K. His drive for service and passion for fellowship proved to make him a great President.

"Serving on the E-Board this year has been a wild but yet very rewarding and wonderful experience for me. I would have never thought coming into this year that I would be fulfilling both the roles of Vice President and President. It definitely required for me to step out of my comfort zone and do things that were necessary and in the best interest of the club. I can't thank all of our general members, committee chairs, and E-Board enough for inspiring me, and supporting me throughout my term. If it weren't for you guys, this semester wouldn't have been such a great success. Something that I really enjoyed doing as being President is getting the chance to interact with so many personalities within the club and even outside. I loved corresponding with people regarding events coming up or talking about anything to do with Circle K and life in general. I have made some of the closest friends through this organization, which is one of the few things that I am indebted to this organization." -Sanath Shetty