



THE KAY MINUTE

with Annie Diederich

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The Kansas Association for Youth has served our schools, communities, nation, and world for 75 years. Leadership and service are key components of the KAY Mission Statement and leaders have emerged from KAY clubs to accept challenges that others would not. "Today for Tomorrow" is not just a motto but is the KAY way of life when looking at projects that serve a purpose.

Purpose is defined as an intended or desired result, a goal or something we want to achieve. Service is an act of helpful activity and when combined with purpose, great things can be accomplished. The KAY theme for 2022-2023 is "Service with Purpose." Service and purpose are the catalysts for change and change is necessary to make a difference. As KAY clubs and members, we need to see a larger purpose and then to give selfless service to that purpose, making a true connection with a cause. When purpose is motivating, the possibilities to serve are endless. As KAY members, we are called to embrace a purpose beyond ourselves and to serve our schools, communities, nation, and world.

This Month:

- True Blue Scholarships
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True Blue Scholarships

The KSHSAA will award True Blue Scholarships intended to support Kansas High School graduates in postsecondary efforts. This one-time scholarship is for students graduating during the 2021-22 school year. These funds will be made payable to a two-year or four-year accredited college, university or technical school in the name of the selected student. Awards are non-renewable, one-time scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 provided for a student in each activity administered by the KSHSAA. **The application is now open and due March 1, 2022.**

KAY Leadership Camp

KAY Leadership Camp (KLC) will be from July 25-29, 2022 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This incredible week will be dedicated to kicking off our year of "Service with Purpose" and to have fun along the way. KAY clubs will receive camp posters, brochures, and detailed information at the Unit Conferences. Additional information about KLC is available [here](#).

KAY Motto: Today for Tomorrow

KAY Slogan: Laugh, Love, Lift

2021-2022 Theme: The Power of One

You Can Do It!!

We are in need of schools to host Regional Conferences in Areas 2, 4 and 5. If you have a group of sophomores and juniors who are engaged and motivated, this would be the best time to host a Regional Conference. Although the planning and preparation takes time, it is a wonderful opportunity to bring a club together with a common goal. The Regional Conference planning guide is being updated and will be electronic with links to assist clubs with the planning process. Please consider hosting a KAY RC, you can do it!

KAY Letter

Sponsors have asked about KAY clubs that give letters (similar to academic/athletic) to members who meet set criteria. KAY, as an organization, does not have a set criteria for earning a letter, just as KSHSAA does not set the criteria for a drama or basketball letter. If your club awards letters to its KAY members and you are willing to share that information with others, please send the details to Annie Diederich and I will create a link and include it in the next newsletter.

Website

Have you checked out the updates on the KAY website? I would love to have feedback from the sponsors.

