



THE KAY MINUTE

with Annie Diederich

May 2022

With the arrival of May comes the final days of the 2021-2022 school year. This has been a most memorable year for me as I have served as the new KAY State Director. I started my journey at KAY Leadership Camp, meeting students from across the state and watching them develop their leadership skills while making memories and having fun. It was quickly time for the Regional Conferences in November, where KAY members came together to share service project ideas, learn from others during Laugh, Love, Lift sessions and traveled home ready to make a difference in their school, community, nation and world. The Unit Conferences were a great mid-winter pep rally that brought KAY members together to work on a service project and learn how to finish the year strong. Now here we are, ready to start another KAY year, "Service with Purpose" and kick it off at KLC in July.

I know that with change, there are always growing pains and I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your patience with me as I took on this new role as your KAY State Director. What I truly enjoy most about this title is the service I get to give back to KAY clubs, members and sponsors. So thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. Have a wonderful summer! Today for Tomorrow!

This Month:

- Service With Purpose
- 2022 Regional Conferences
- Reminders/Dates
- Congratulations

Service With Purpose

It is never too early to start thinking about how your KAY club will bring next year's theme to life. "Service with Purpose" will hopefully guide your club to look at its purpose when it comes to determining service projects, providing leadership opportunities and focusing on today's tasks to make a better tomorrow.

It is important to get those meeting dates on the calendar for next year, especially that first one in August. Spend some time with your club, thinking of ways to invite new members next fall so that they too want to be a KAY. All of these activities serve the purpose of preparing for next year to be the best year for your KAY club.

2022 Regional Conferences

All KAY clubs should be happy to know that seven sites have been secured for the 2022 KAY Regional Conferences. Without clubs stepping up and saying "YES!" this wouldn't be possible. Thank you!

Area 1 -- Hoyt-Royal Valley High School --
Monday, November 7
Area 2 -- Yates Center High School --
Thursday, November 3
Area 3 -- Council Grove High School --
Friday, November 11
Area 4 -- Stockton High School --
Tuesday, November 8
Area 5 -- Meade High School --
Wednesday, November 9
Area 6 (HS) -- Maize High School --
Tuesday, November 1
Area 6 (MS) -- Wichita-Gordon Parks --

Reminders/Dates

May 15—KAY End of Year Reports Due (Points Report, Gold Report, Sponsors Report, Presidents Report, Creative & Original Program Report)

June 1—KLC Final Payments Due

July 25-29—KAY Leadership Camp

August 20—KAY -1 Form Due

September 19—KAY Sponsor Session

November 1-11—KAY Regional Conferences

Congratulations Seniors Did you miss KLC Registration?

Congratulations to the seniors on their graduation and future adventures. Please take the service and leadership skills that you have learned in KAY and put them to good use as you enter this next chapter of your life. As a reminder, once you graduate from high school as a KAY member, you are immediately a member of KAYAN (KAY Alumni Network). This organization is a great way to stay connected with KAY and to continue to give back. Once a Kay, always a KAY!

Contact either Linsey Evans (levans@kshsaa.org) or Annie Diederich (adiederich@kshsaa.org) to see if we can get your camper registered. Last minute changes happen for everyone and we would love to be able to accommodate your campers.

KAY Motto: Today for Tomorrow

KAY Slogan: Laugh, Love, Lift

2021-2022 Theme: The Power of One

