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Happy Thanksgiving! We realize that our members are very busy at this time of year and have modified the Golden Key e-Newsletter this month to provide only the deadline-sensitive information you may need to know.

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1. On November 29, 2002, Golden Key International Honour Society will celebrate 25 years of achievement as an academic honor society dedicated to recognizing the top 15% of academically successful juniors and seniors at 335 college and university chapters around the globe.

Golden Key is unique among honor societies because it offers benefits beyond academic recognition including leadership training, service opportunities and career assistance. Significant achievements of the past 25 years include:

- *the awarding of more than four million dollars in Golden Key scholarships;
- *the extension of the honor society concept to include chapters in seven countries including Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States;
- *and the creation of the Golden Key corporate council including Ford, Shell, Boeing, Merck, Bank of America, MBNA America, Gateway and General Mills.

"I am honored to serve Golden Key as the Society celebrates its first quarter century," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key's Chief Executive Officer. "I am committed to providing Golden Key the purpose, motivation and direction necessary to accomplish its mission and to improve the organization in the next 25 years, and I look forward to hearing from students and faculty whose input will be the impetus for change."

2. Golden Key International Honour Society is proud to announce the 2003 Golden Key Scholar Awards. This year, twelve \$10,000 scholarships will be presented to talented and involved members to support their postgraduate study at accredited institutions of higher learning. The deadline for Scholar Award applications is January 15, 2003.

Kathrine Gapinski, a Golden Key member from Purdue University and a past Golden Key Scholar, used the award to fund her postgraduate work at Yale University. "These scholarships are a unique honor in that motivated, ambitious individuals are recognized by a large organization of equally bright, motivated and ambitious people," she says. "Golden Key truly takes the opportunity to give back in a big way."

If you are interested in applying for this renowned scholarship, please visit the Golden Key Scholar Awards online for an application and a complete list of supporting documents. Golden Key hopes all interested members will take advantage of this exclusive opportunity.

3. You may now view and purchase Golden Key graduation merchandise including honor cords, honor stoles and medallions on the Society's web site at <http://goldenkey.gsu.edu/gkcollection/> or call 1-800-377-2401 and ask for member services for more information.

4. Duke University Golden Key Chapter President Janaka Bowman was profiled in the November 2002 Essence Magazine feature on "10 Incredible College Women." Essence lists her position as the first African-American to be president of the Duke Golden Key chapter as one of the reasons why she's been selected.

5. Robert Thwaites, a 24-year-old Golden Key member and graduate of Griffith University, was one of those confirmed dead in the October explosion in Bali. Robert graduated from a double degree in engineering and business management in April 2002, and was highly decorated with first-class honors, the university medal and the Griffith University Award for Academic Excellence in 2001. He was working with his Indonesian-based family business at the time of his death. Our condolences extend to the Thwaites family and to the Griffith University chapter and community on the loss of this exceptional young man.

6. Making an astounding impact, more than 175 of our 335 chapters around the world united on Saturday, October 26, for Make A Difference Day 2002. Successful projects ranged from collecting food and clothing for the homeless, to organizing Halloween parties for terminally ill children, to repairing the homes of elderly neighbors.

Thank you to all who organized, implemented and participated in Make A Difference Day activities this year! Once again, Golden Key members across the world mobilized efforts and utilized talents to make a dramatic impact in the lives of those in surrounding communities!

Please take the final step in this powerful international event: Report your actions. Fill out the report form at <http://usaweekend.com/diffday/tools/entryform.html> and e-mail or mail it, along with a description (500 words or less, preferably typed) of your effort, to both USA Weekend magazine (the sponsoring organization) and to Golden Key headquarters (makeadifferenceday@goldenkey.gsu.edu).

7. Golden Key is working hard to expand the tangible benefits you receive as a member of the Society by developing a series of discounts that will be unique and exclusive to you. Excellence does have its rewards, and we hope you will find the discounts and promotions an added benefit to your membership. Please visit Rewarding Excellence to view the participating companies.