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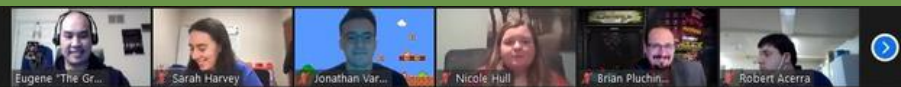
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DISTRICT GOALS

2020-2021 SERVICE YEAR

Congratulations New Jersey District of Circle K

International on a great service year! These numbers highlight our district's accomplishments this year as of March 30th, 2021.



30/55

250+/300

1/1

K-Family
Relations Events

Members

Club Charter/
Reactivation

10/10

38/35

3,690/6,000

Active Clubs

Interclubs

Service Hours

66/65

\$10,000+

86/80

Insight

/\$11,250

DCON

Attendance

WASH Fundraising

Registrations

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL

Mission and Service Initiatives



Mission



Developing college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.



Service Initiatives



WASH



Childhood
Development



Mental Health

Food
Insecurity and
Homelessness



Environmental
Justice



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

DISTRICT EDITOR AND SERVICE CHAIR

MELISSA NASH



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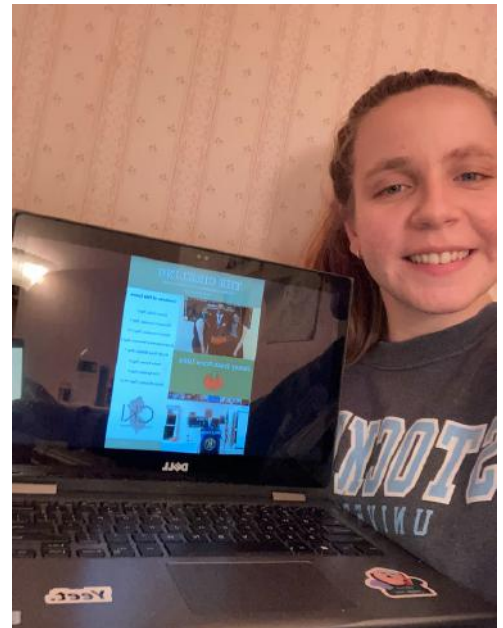
DEAR NEW JERSEY CKI,

It's hard to believe this service year has come to a close so quickly. I've really enjoyed serving as your 2020-2021 District Editor and Service Chair and sharing my newsletters with all of you. The Cirklings will always hold a special place in my heart and I appreciate all of you who took the time to read them. I hope you found all of The Cirklings to be informative and enjoyable, and I will definitely miss making newsletters for all of you!

On another note, I look forward to passing the position of District Editor to our Editor-Elect

Katie Lynch for the next service year. I know she will continue to make creative, exciting content for the next Cirkling and I can wait to see how she transforms the newsletter!

Lastly, thank you to everyone who contributed to The Cirkling this year, and helped make my vision for the newsletter come alive. I couldn't have done it without your support and participation, and I am so happy with the way they all turned out. Thank you again for a great year and happy reading :)



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GOVERNOR'S GREETINGS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KYLE LANK



HELLO NEW JERSEY CKI,

I can't believe that our service year is coming to a close. After April 1st, I hope you take some time to reflect on your accomplishments this past year and be proud of all that you've done to better the Objects of Circle K International. Here are some of the things New Jersey CKI accomplished that I'm super proud of!

▶ [Reactivating Two Clubs:](#) We reactivated both Brookdale Community College CKI and Monmouth University CKI this year! Congrats to Seabreeze LTG Parth and 21-22 Governor Alyssa for their hard work on making these clubs a reality.

▶ [Adapting Virtual Events:](#) NJ CKI created a bunch of new events to keep members engaged this year. Whether it was Mrs. CKI, the Kiwanis Family Livestream, or the CKI Midwinter Conferences, there was plenty to stay engaged with New Jersey CKI. We also adapted a lot of our traditional events to a virtual format. Virtual INSIGHT and DCON were huge successes thanks to Darcy McLaughlin and our entire Conventions and Conferences Committee.

▶ [Improved Kiwanis Family Relations:](#) Finally, the entire district made an effort to engage with the Kiwanis Family. We collectively attended over 30 different Kiwanis clubs to talk about our clubs, district, and organization. We also engaged with NJ Key Club more than ever with Key to College Webinars and Key to College Office Hours.

It truly has been an incredible year, and I'm so grateful to have played a small part in your CKI experiences. Thank you so much for trusting me with the district and allowing me to grow as a leader. I love you, New Jersey CKI. Stay Jersey Fresh.





RECAP OF DISTRICT CONVENTION

NJIT CLUB VICE PRESIDENT PORTIA SHAHEED

While I've never been to District Convention, I remember hearing hilarious stories from the previous NJIT CKI E-Board and wanting that same experience for myself this year. Understandably, the in-person experience did not happen, but the next best thing did. The panel of Board members and guests made tuning in from home fun and sometimes amusing. From spirited Board members to motivational speakers to a heated game of jeopardy, DCON was an experience like no other.

The decision to make DCON hybrid was a great one. As a delegate, it felt like we were in the room with the rest of the Board when applauded or laughs were heard. I also think the effort that the District Board put in to be together also encouraged us to come together as well - between sessions, our club hopped on a voice call and chatted while waiting for the next session to start. Overall, DCON was probably one of the best online conferences I've been to. The weekend felt much more connected than before and I loved every part of it.



RECAP OF WASH-A-THON

DISTRICT EDITOR AND SERVICE CHAIR

MELISSA NASH



This past month, NJ Circle K held our first-ever 9 hour WASH-a-Thon event to benefit the WASH project. This spectacular event included fundraisers such as "Pie-a-CKI" and Truth or Dare, in which Circle K members had to chance to pie members of the new and current district board. Not only this did event include fundraisers, but TCNJ also hosted a vision-board making session, and the Service Committee had a free rice competition.

WASH-a-Thon concluded with our highly anticipated event, Mrs. CKI, in which Circle K members from various clubs competed for the title of Mrs. CKI. After a grueling two-hour competition, Governor-Elect Alyssa Joyce was crowned Mrs. CKI, and she won the crowd over with her talents in Jeopardy and Tik Tok-making skills. The event was extremely successful and overall we raised over \$800 for the WASH Project, which is sponsored by UNICEF USA. A special shoutout to our Fundraising Chair, Nicole Hull, and her committee for planning and hosting the event!



**NJ CIRCLE K
PRESENTS**

WASH A THON
featuring
MRS. CKI

**SUNDAY
3/21**

Pie a CKI - 12:00 PM
Circle K Trivia - 1:00 PM
Truth or Dare - 2:00 PM
Vision Boards - 3:00 PM
Hour of Service - 4:00 PM
Campfire Dinner - 5:00 PM
Mrs. CKI - 7:00 PM

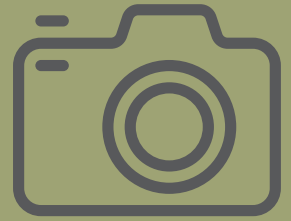
RSVP USING THE LINK IN OUR BIO

NJ CKI

A screenshot of a Zoom meeting. The top of the screen shows a grid of participant video feeds. The main part of the screen is split into two large video feeds. The left feed shows a woman with white pie on her face, holding a pie tin. The right feed shows a man with white pie on his face, also holding a pie tin. The Zoom interface at the bottom shows 15 participants, chat, share screen, record, and reactions buttons.

SERVICE YEAR MEMORIES

2020-2021



I loved attending our first Kiwanis Family Livestream this year and raising enough money to do Poncho's makeup.

-Melissa Nash

My favorite memory was seeing everyone have fun at Insight, even if it was virtual. It was awesome seeing people have smiles on their faces.

-Steven Talarsky

My favorite memory was virtual Insight with my amazing Dread Pirate Roberts team members and our bonding through capybaras.

-Alyssa Joyce

My favorite memory is winning Mr. CKI! I loved watching everyone compete with formal wear and the talent showcase.

-Kyle Lank

My favorite memory from this year is being able to hop on a zoom call for NJIT and Montclair. I love being able to directly interact with the students and get to know everyone. It's the highlight of my day!

-Emily Scharf

My favorite memory from this past administrative year was having the opportunity to become the DA and the time we all spent together in an effort to reach the district's goals, especially the times we were able to see each other in-person!

-Mike Olivo



MEET YOUR 2021-2022 DISTRICT EDITOR

EDITOR-ELECT KATIE LYNCH



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Hello NJ Circle K!

My name is Katie Lynch, and I am honored to be serving as your new District Editor for the 2021-2022 service year. I am a current freshman at Rutgers University studying biomedical engineering with a minor in public health. My time with the Kiwanis Family began my freshman year of high school when I joined Key Club, and it has been a crazy journey over the past five years. From serving as Lieutenant Governor, to attending International Convention and traveling the country with my best friends, my experience so far has been unforgettable. Some of my goals for this service year include creating a district specific brand guide, and creating new ways to publicize The Cirkling, and working to increase the presence of NJ CKI on social media.

I am incredibly excited to take on this role as District Editor, and not only live up to the expectations of past editors, but create my own legacy along the way. I hope that with my love and passion for service, I can inspire you all to never give up on your goals, and to constantly engage in selfless acts of kindness. I know I have a lot to learn, but also know that we have an amazing service year ahead of us. A special thank you to our current editor, Melissa, for being an amazing mentor and friend. You truly inspire me.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, or if you would like to write an article for The Cirkling! I would like to conclude with one of my favorite quotes at the moment - “The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.” No matter what, I implore you to always do good anyway. I look forward to a productive service year, and I hope to meet many of you in person soon. The best is yet to come.

Yours in Service, Leadership, and Fellowship,
Katie Lynch
2021-2022 NJ Circle K District Editor

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GOODBYE CKIX & HELLO ELC

After much consideration, the Circle K International Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees, has voted to cancel our international convention, CKIx, for 2021.

Due to safety concerns and restrictions on travel to the United States, the Austin facility was no longer feasible. We are excited to announce that CKIx 2022 will be held in Austin when more people can be accommodated!

While we are disappointed to postpone our trip to Austin, we are pleased to announce that CKI is partnering with Kiwanis to host the 2021 Education and Leadership Conference June 24-26th in Salt Lake City, Utah. CKI members can attend this event in person or virtually with registration opening April 1, 2021. Due to social distancing requirements, in-person attendance will be limited, so be sure to reserve your space. Virtual Attendance will be \$25 and in-person attendance will be \$225.

ELC will feature a variety of valuable workshops and training opportunities. We will also hear from inspiring speakers including Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger, who famously landed his passenger airplane safely on the Hudson River; Ethan Zohn of CBS’s “Survivor: Africa” fame; and a variety of other speakers.

Please visit <https://www.circlek.org/events/education-and-leadership-conference/> to learn more and find out how to attend. I cannot wait to see all of you for ELC in the SLC!!

Yours In Service,
Austin Underwood



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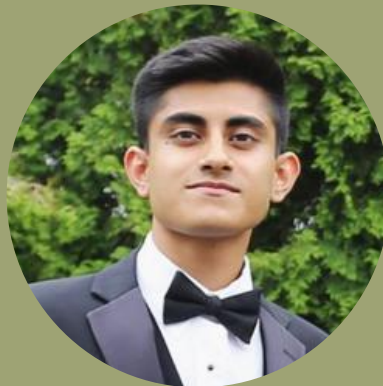
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