



KEYSTONERS SHINE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO



This summer, nine of our Keystone members had the incredible opportunity to attend the annual National Keystone Conference, held this year in Chicago. The group boarded a plane filled with excitement, ready for a weekend of networking, learning, and fun.

The experience began with the College and Career Expo, where members explored future opportunities and even received professional blazers to prepare them for potential interviews. The first general session set the tone for the weekend, but the session that stood out most came the next morning. A WNBA player spoke about the importance of mental health—a message that resonated deeply with everyone. Valentina, one of our very own members, was even invited on stage to join a teen panel and ask her questions, making it a truly unforgettable moment.

Throughout the conference, members attended a variety of engaging workshops and connected with teens from across the country. A highlight was receiving a custom-designed pair of Vans sneakers, created to reflect the mission of the Boys & Girls Club. Another memorable activity was glow-in-the-dark painting—an exciting idea our members can't wait to bring back to Grenville Baker!

On the final day of the conference, the Keystone members rolled up their sleeves for community service projects, including assembling wheelchairs for a local hospital. Afterward, they explored Chicago's landmarks, snapping pictures at the iconic Bean, visiting the Willis Tower and the Art Institute, and strolling along Navy Pier.

The trip was more than just fun—it gave members the chance to grow as leaders, strengthen their bonds as a group, and bring back fresh ideas to share with their peers. Our Keystone members returned inspired and ready to make an even greater impact in the year ahead.





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Campers enjoyed a true break from technology, spending time in the gym, outdoors, and in enriching activities such as art, STEAM, and wellness. Weekly field trips added to the fun, with fan-favorite destinations including Chuck E. Cheese, Adventureland, and Tiki Action Park. Onsite special events, from the spirited Camp Olympics and festive Christmas in July to the always highly anticipated talent show, gave members the chance to shine and cheer one another on.

Academics remained an important focus as well. Forty-three members participated in the Club's sum-

mer tutoring program, aimed at preventing summer learning loss. By the end of the program, participants showed an impressive 30% increase in their assessment scores, highlighting the impact of combining fun with educational support.

Sports camps continued to be a huge draw, with programs in gymnastics, dance, basketball, and multi-sports. This year, volleyball was introduced as a new option, quickly becoming a camper favorite. Across all programs, members built skills, stayed active, and learned the value of teamwork.

From start to finish, the summer was a tremendous success—filled with laughter, learning, and memories that will last a lifetime. The Club's 75th anniversary summer truly lived up to its legacy of providing a safe, supportive, and joyful place for young people to grow and thrive.



Stay connected about upcoming events at the Club—like our Alumni & Friends Golf & Pickleball Outing October 6th! Visit www.gbbgc.org for the latest updates or follow us on social @grenvillebaker.







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