

Key Club Carnival Unites Community and School

University School students perform community service throughout the year, but the Key Club's annual carnival provides a unique opportunity for the entire school to share in the spirit of community and giving.

"The whole point of Key Club is to bring family and community together to help our community and our school," said club president and senior Jared March. "The Key Club Carnival was our way to bring us all together."

Jared took over organization of the carnival from his older brother Joshua March (Class of 2010) who founded the event with two fellow classmates. Each participating club designates a charity for their portion of the money raised. The money is divided evenly among all participating clubs.

Not counting Key Club, over 30 clubs participated this year, which is 10 more than last year, according to March. Key Club members also expanded the event by selling vendor spots. Vendors included Brooklyn Ice, Pizza Loft and entrepreneur and University School senior Jamie Cohen, owner of The Cupcake Kid (<http://www.cupcakekidfl.com/>).

"Every year we look to step it up," March said. "Hopefully one day the carnival will be a huge event with rides."

Upper School Director William Kopas was among those impressed with the quality of games and activities presented by the student clubs.

"The Key Club Carnival is one of the finest examples of community at University School," Kopas said. "I watched with pride in our students as they helped Lower School students enjoy each and every activity. At one point I stood at the goldfish line and watched a PreK student stand in line three times with determination and commitment that came from his desire to win a fish. Our students were patient, encouraging and celebrated with this little boy when he finally achieved his goal. It was a special moment."

Kopas noted the outstanding leadership of seniors March and Alana Gross and also thanked teachers Charlie Redler, Laura Barry and Lisa Samuels along with staff advisors Karen Martin, Giovanna Stincer, Kiki Kelrick, Carolyn Shafa, Cheza Miranda, Virginia Riling, the entire development office and all of the club moderators.

"I look forward to next year's Key Club Carnival and having more events that promote our school and students at all levels," Kopas added.



Participating Clubs

Amnesty Club
Anime Club
Ann Stork Club
American Sign Language (ASL)
Becca's Closet
Best Buddies
Future Business Leaders of America
Foster Relations between Autism and Teens (FRAT)
French Honors Society
Gay-Straight Alliance
Golden Oldies
Green Team
Habitat for Humanity
Heifer International
Helping Horses Survive (HHS)
Invisible Children
Kkids
Love Jen
Operation Smile
Our Call of Duty
Pet Rescue
PHYTness Club
Pink 4 Life
Robotics
Sandy Roberts
Souls for Soles
Special Olympics
Sweets for Strength
Susan B. Anthony
Who
Wind

