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CHS Sophomore named New Jersey District Key Club Lieutenant Governor of Division 18

Clifton High School sophomore, Abigail Loeb, won the NJ District Key Club Lieutenant Governor, Division 18 election. Abigail takes office in March as the liaison between the NJ District Board and seven area high schools: Clifton, Nutley, St. Mary's, Becton, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, and Belleville.

"Abigail is a valuable and valued member of Key Club," said Jacqui Turk, Clifton High School Language Arts teacher and Key Club Advisor. "As the advisor of the club and her English Honors teacher, I have worked closely with Abigail on both a professional and personal level. I can personally attest to her sincerity, dedication, hard work, and commitment to both school and Key Club."

The Clifton High School Key Club is a vital part of the Clifton Community, where students volunteer throughout the city and state.

"As a club, we have undertaken many service projects, and Abigail has been actively involved," continued Turk. "She has spent many long hours doing work for the school and the community that is neither glamorous nor publicly commended. The reward has been a job well-done. I feel we are indeed fortunate to have a person of Abigail's caliber at Clifton High School."

Abigail sees the Key Club to be an easy and fun way to volunteer. "Key Club is a really enjoyable and fulfilling way to help the Clifton Community."

The election process required considerable preparation. "I had to write a two to three-minute speech," explained Abigail, "and then be prepared to answer seven minutes of questions."

The official Key Club Election and Campaign documentation explains that the position of Lieutenant Governor is difficult and time-consuming; however, it is an enriching experience. "There are twenty-two Lieutenant Governors on the New Jersey District Board, each of which serve as a liaison between the clubs in his or her respective division and the District. They work to strengthen their division by communicating with individual officers and organizing events that will involve students in service."

“When I found out I had won this position after being invited back into the room where the elections took place, I was ecstatic. I feel like this position can teach me can help me to be a better leader,” said Abigail.

While there were many reasons that she ran for the position of Lieutenant Governor, Abigail explained, “My foremost reason for running for it is to do my absolute best to serve the Clifton and other communities.”

The Key Club began in 1925 in Sacramento, California, when Kiwanis wanted to provide vocational guidance to high school students. The primary goal of the Key Club, now a global organization, is to provide service to schools and surrounding communities. The Key Club motto is "Caring...our way of life."

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