## **Press Release:**

April 6, 2024 – Four young ladies from Aztec High School Key Club along with their Advisor Kate Harvie traveled to Tempe, AZ to participate in the Southwest District Convention & Contests this weekend. This newly restructured Key Club completed 100's of community service hours within the Aztec schools and community and is now taking the SW District by storm! For the first time in over 5 years this Club is returning to Aztec with top honors.

Sophomore Ashley Vilchiz-Hernandez, daughter of Naysin Hernandez, won 1st place with her AHS Club Recruitment poster design and qualified the AHS entry for the International Convention competition in Atlanta in July. Ashley spent over 40 hours on this design project. She worked with her advisor to make edits, and corrections. The team learned to think quickly and adapt to fit the situation they were placed in when they arrived in Tempe and the original artwork had not made it onto the final bus to their location. The creative thinking of the AHS Advisor to change the entry from a traditional poster entry to a Digital poster, helped earn this Key Club the WIN!!

According to Kiwanis Advisor, Debbie Klein, 2024 is the first time Aztec has qualified for international competition in the poster contest and it has been over a decade since the club has participated in the International Convention.

Members of the AHS Key Club are planning to travel to Atlanta for the 2024 Key Club International Convention & Contest July 9-14, 2024. Members will meet Keyclubbers from around the world and participate in trainings, workshops, and contests as well as elect the International President, Vice President, and Board of Trustees. Key Club is a student run organization that teaches leadership skills through service to schools and communities. It is the high school level service/leadership club sponsored by Kiwanis. The Aztec Key Club is sponsored along with other Key Clubs in the area by the Rio del Sol Kiwanis Club in Farmington.

Donations to support the members attending International Convention on the Southwest District Convention Tour can be made to Key Club @ AHS and mailed to 500 W Chaco, Aztec, NM 87410.

AHS Key Club will be taking requests for new service projects and fundraisers starting in June.