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A “Key” to Excellence is Striving to be the Best A Key Family Tradition



Kevin Key is a 28 year veteran of Shelby County and currently is employed in the Circuit Court Clerk’s office. Kevin started with Shelby County Government at the age of 19 years old. He began his career in county government in the Juvenile Court Detention Center.

While at Juvenile Court, he earned a B.A. in Psychology from Memphis State University (now University of Memphis).

He “authored” and became the Director of the Juvenile Court Hanover House Home Confinement and Foster Care Program which is still in operation. Hanover House began as a coed home confinement program which came into existence prior to the age of electronic monitoring with ankle bracelets. The Hanover House monitored the “house arrest” activities of youth from the ages of eight to seventeen years old. Many of these youth had charges ranging from Unruly Behavior to Auto Theft.

The Hanover House also made foster care referrals for youth who had been declared as dependent and neglected children.

Kevin developed a “pilot” drug treatment program - the Drug Offenders Control System (DOCS). To his knowledge, the program is still in operation.

Kevin was also Judge Kenneth Turner’s Court Representative for the About Face Boot Camp Program at the Millington Naval Base. This program was an effort to de-

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ter troubled youth from continued criminal activity and was used in behavior modification.

In 1992, Kevin and a County computer programmer, Tim Corley (no longer employed with the County), won the “National Association of Counties—1992 Achievement Award” for developing a computerized system which kept track of over 300 children each day while they were on court-ordered home confinement.

Four years later in 1996, the Circuit Court Clerk, Jimmy Moore, brought Kevin on board with his office as the first Court Computer Specialist in Circuit Court. Partnering with the Chancery Court Clerk’s Office, in 1999, the offices conducted a nationwide search and selected the Court Management Software Application with ACS (a private computer software vendor). Kevin has been working in this capacity since that time.

HIS DAUGHTER FOLLOWS HIS LEAD IN HER ACHIEVEMENTS (In Scholastics and Extracurricular Activities)



Following in Kevin’s footsteps of excelling in all areas is his daughter, Katy Key. Katy is a member of the University of Memphis Pom / Dance Team.

The weekend of January 12th, Katy and the University of Memphis Dance Team won their second consecutive, national title in the Hip-Hop category. The competition was held in Orlando, Florida. The University of Memphis dance team is nationally known for their performance.

Kevin is equally as proud of Katy in her scholastic achievement. She is maintaining a 3.1 GPA and has been on scholarship with the Tigers Spirit Squad for all three years of her enrollment of U of M.

According to Kevin, “This is most likely her last year (with the Dance Team) due to the fact that Katy plans to start nursing school this fall at the University of Memphis-Lowenberg School of Nursing. She can still be seen at the U of M basketball games.

Katy danced at Collierville High School and won Tennessee State titles for four consecutive years.

Kevin and his wife, Kim Key, are very proud of Katy. She is the grand-daughter of Criminal Court Clerk, William “Bill” Key.

