



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #24

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

February 28, 2025

Key West High School Mission Statement
To empower all students to maximize their potential and prepare them with the skills and experiences necessary to be college or career ready and to develop those character traits that will enable them to be productive members of society.

February

March 3-7



If a student observes any suspicious or concerning behavior, they should immediately report it to a trusted adult, like a teacher or principal, to help maintain a safe school environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS FEB/MARCH 2025

- ♦ **February 26th**— FAFSA Workshop for Seniors and Senior Parents in the Media Center from 6:00pm-7:00pm (see flyer at the end of the newsletter)
- ♦ **February 27th**— Career Day in the Gym
- ♦ **March 14th**— No School-Professional Day
- ♦ **March 17th—March 21st**— No School-Spring Break

KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— kwhs_news

Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— @kwhsnews

Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs



Students must show their KWHS ID when entering the campus and when a staff member asks to see it.

Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our school safe! Please see the next 3 pages for our Fortify Florida information.



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM



DOWNLOAD
NOW



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION



FORTIFYFL

APLICACIÓN DE INFORMES DE ACTIVIDAD SOSPECHOSA

FortifyFL es una herramienta para reportar actividades sospechosas que te permite enviar información a las agencias del cumplimiento de la ley apropiadas y a oficiales escolares.



#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM



DESCARGAR
AHORA



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
fldoe.org



FORTIFYFL

APLIKASYON POU RAPÒTE AKTIVITE SISPÈK

Fortify FL se yon zouti pou rapòte aktivite sispèk ki pèmèt ou transmèt enfòmasyon soulechan bay ajans fòsdelòd apwopriye yo ak responsab lekòl yo.



#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
fldoe.org

TELECHAJE
KOUNYE A



YOUR COMMUNITY YOUR SCHOOLS YOUR VOICE

Help choose the next
superintendent!

The school board is seeking your
input on the future of our schools.

Take the survey

Scan the QR code or go to our
website
www.keysschools.com

DEADLINE: FEB 28



TU COMUNIDAD TUS ESCUELAS TU VOZ

¡Ayude a elegir al próximo
superintendente!

La junta escolar está solicitando
su opinión sobre el futuro de
nuestras escuelas.

Toma la encuesta

EEscanea el código QR o entra en
nuestra web
www.keysschools.com

FECHA LÍMITE: 28 DE FEBRERO

KOMINOTE W LA LEKÒL OU YO VWA OU

Ede chwazi pwochen
sipèentandan an!

Konsèy lekòl la ap chèche
opinyon w sou avni lekòl nou yo

Pran sondaj la

Eskane kòd QR la oswa ale sou sit
entènèt nou an
www.keysschools.com

DAT LIMIT: 28 FEVRIYE

Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition DIAPER DRIVE

Help us collect
15,000
diapers for families in
need in the Florida Keys.

**Current Need: Over 120,000
diapers annually!**

**To make a difference in a Keys
baby's life, scan the QR codes below!**

Donate diapers through
our Amazon wish list!




Donate through Zeffy



Learn how you can
support our programs



Visit our website
www.keyshealthystart.org or contact us at
305-293-8424 for more information and
donation drop off locations!

 : @flkeyshealthystart

 : Florida Keys Healthy Start Coalition



The SNAPPER is the school newspaper. It has been around for over 100 years. We have gone digital due to print costs. The link to the SNAPPER is kwhsthesnapper.org.



OFFICIALS NEEDED!

Local Official Association Contacts

- Middle Keys: Casey Sheu
305-360-3054
- Lower Keys: Chad Rodriguez
305-619-0972

Standard Pay Rates

- Football \$111 per game
- Volleyball \$79 per game
- Soccer \$79 per game
- Baseball \$85 per game
- Softball \$85 per game

Without officials, our kids can't play!

APPLY NOW!

<https://fhsaa.arbitersports.com/front/103524/Site>

OR SCAN HERE



If you are interested in becoming an official, you can find all the information you need by clicking the link below.

https://fhsaa.com/sports/2020/5/28/Become_An_Official.aspx

Attention:

Current
10th and
11th
graders




CRITERIA FOR *Off Campus Lunch*

- ATTENDANCE MUST BE 90% OR HIGHER FROM CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR
- NO CREDIT RECOVERY NEEDED AFTER SUMMER SCHOOL
- 2.0+ GPA



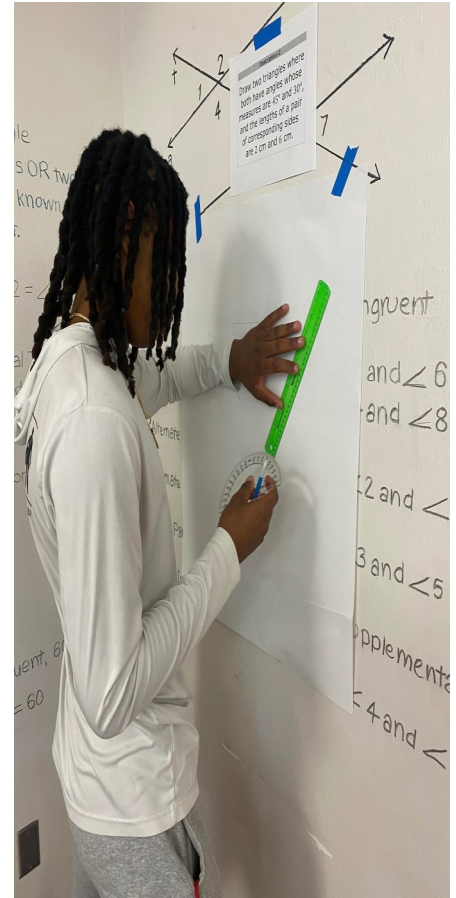
Congratulations!
YOUR ARE ELIGIBLE FOR OFF CAMPUS LUNCH

Lunch passes are reviewed twice every 9 weeks
(progress reports & report cards) based on
grades and attendance.





Mr. Bagwell's geometry classes making and verifying similar triangles, collaboratively. Followed up with stating the theorem that goes with each scenario. It was a great hands-on experience for his students!



The KWHS NJROTC Orienteering Team placed 3rd overall in the South Florida Orienteering Championships in the Green which is their hardest division.





Key West High School Hosts Successful FAFSA Night Workshop

Last night, Key West High School 10 seniors, along with their parents, gathered in the media center for an informative FAFSA Night workshop. This event, organized in collaboration with the College of the Florida Keys financial aid staff, aimed to guide students through the federal financial aid application process.

During the workshop, attendees received valuable insights into the various types of financial aid available, empowering students to make informed decisions about funding their college education. Each student was provided with a Chromebook, allowing them to log in and navigate the FAFSA application efficiently.

Thanks to the hands-on support of KWHHS College Career Counselor Lydia Estenoz and CFK Financial Aid Director Andrea Wade and Assistant Dir. Samira Sam (KWHHS Alumnus) students successfully created FAFSA accounts, and several completed their FAFSA applications. Now, they eagerly await news regarding their awarded financial aid.

The evening proved to be productive and engaging, fostering a collaborative spirit as students asked insightful questions. This event marks a significant step towards making higher education accessible for our graduating seniors.



The EL Department & Culinary Conchs put on fabulous night of info and Hispanic/Haitian delights for our EL students & families!

Thank you to Marc Pierre, Nersa, Mr. Boza, and especially Ms. Rivard for their time and talents in making the evening fun and informational (as well as delicious).

Thank you also to all who attended after a long day of school!!





What is the Spread the Word Inclusion Campaign all about?

The Spread the Word Inclusion campaign was created and re-imagined by youth, and is intended to **engage schools, organizations and communities to rally and pledge their support of inclusion and to promote acceptance of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

Spread the Word to End the Word is a **campaign to raise awareness of the hurtful effects of the word "retard(ed)"** and encourage people to pledge to stop using it. It is also a special day to make our school ALL INCLUSIVE. A National Awareness Day will be held on March 5, 2025. KWHS is

asked to wear GREY to show support.

Weekly Activities

- ⇒ Wear green on Tuesday, March 4th to promote awareness
- ⇒ Wear gray on Wednesday, March 5th to help "Spread the Word" campaign
- ⇒ Wear white on Thursday, March 6th to "WHITE OUT" violence!
- ⇒ Wear sunglasses on Friday, March 7th to block out violence and raise awareness for "See Something, Say Something"



We are proud to announce that two KWHS students brought home top prizes in The Key West Harry S. Truman Foundation and The Society of Presidential Descendents Essay Competition 2025.

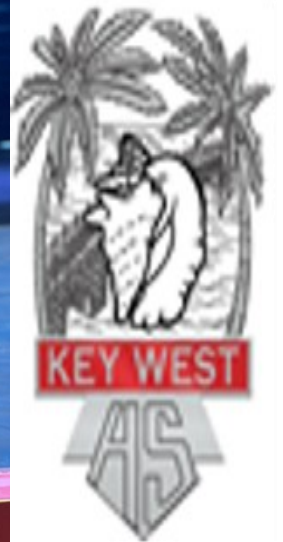
The student essay competition's theme this year was: Historic Preservation—Artifacts, Objects, and Sites—Preserving our Nation's History for Future Generations.

Winning first place and receiving \$1,500 was junior Seava "Kai" Lamontagne (pictured left) and winning third place for \$500 was senior Davin Leggett (pictured right).



The Monroe County School District offers condolences to the family and friends of Dr. A. J. "Bookie" Henriquez, who passed away on Friday, February 14th. He served as Superintendent of Monroe County Schools for 24 years, championing the idea of School-Based management, which transformed the district. Under his leadership, Monroe was the first district in Florida to desegregate its schools. Due to his close working relationship with the military, he assisted the district in obtaining the administrative property at Trumbo Point

for a dollar where building bearing his name currently stands. His passion for our community and his unwavering belief in public education enriched this school district in countless ways and left an indelible legacy.



Our Beginning Teacher of the Year is Casey Daigle!!! She teaches English 1 Honors and English 2. We are so blessed to have Casey on our team!! Go Conchs!!



Key West High School is proud to announce that senior Matthew Robertson has advanced from Semifinalist to Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. National Merit® Scholarships honor individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The Scholarship winners of 2025 will be announced in April.

To become a Finalist, Robertson and high school officials submitted a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about his academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. Robertson ranks within the top 5 in his class of 342 students, and he has been accepted at several universities including University of Florida, and University of Central Florida. He is still awaiting admission decisions from Duke University and M.I.T. Upon graduation from Key West High School, Matthew plans to study computer science and engineering.

Key West High School is proud to announce that senior Neslihan Atilla, affectionately known as “Neslo” has been named a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. An official Letter of Commendation has been presented to Atilla by Principal Rebecca Palomino in honor of her scholastic achievement.

Atilla is among about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the entire nation who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These students qualified as Commended Students by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and placing among the nation’s top 50,000 students.

Atilla ranks Top 3 in her class of 342 students and has been accepted to Yale University where she will study political science in the pre-law track.





Photo L to R: Marco Maliberan; Kieron Smith; Caber Bausmith; Devan Soni; KWHs Principal Rebecca Palomino; Uziel Morales; Mattheui Bastillada; Jack Salce, Prometheus DeLaCerde and KWHs 11th grade Counselor Mrs. Jen Bassett.

Key West High School Celebrates Unprecedented Achievement:

Eight Delegates Selected for Florida Boys State Leadership Program

Key West, FL – In an extraordinary accomplishment, Key West High School proudly announces that eight exceptional 11th-grade boys have been selected as Delegates to the prestigious Florida Boys State Leadership Program in Tallahassee. This unprecedented selection represents the largest group of delegates in our school's history!

All eight candidates—Mattheui Bastillada, Prometheus Delacerda, Marco Maliberan, Kieron Smith, Uziel Morales, Devan Soni, Jack Salce, and Caber Bausmith—successfully navigated an interview process with the local American Legion committee, where they initially expected only half would advance. To their delight, they were informed on Friday afternoon of their unanimous selection to attend the Boys State program this summer.

American Legion's Post 28 committee chair, Dan Dedeo, praised the strength of this year's candidates, stating, "I have never seen such a strong pool for Boys State.

The committee felt that all the boys were equally impressive and decided to send all eight as delegates, with no alternates".

The Boys State Leadership Program is a quasi-government educational program in which students from across Florida will convene as elected officials—albeit pretend ones—at the state capital. This experience is invaluable for developing, or further enhancing, their leadership skills.

Key West High School Principal Rebecca Palomino expressed her excitement about the news, stating, "Our Big 8 are going to Boys State! I couldn't be prouder of these boys. Each one is impressive in both academics and leadership, and they will represent us well at the Capitol."

Join us in congratulating our fantastic boys for this remarkable achievement as they prepare for a transformative experience at the Florida Boys State Leadership Program!

For more information, please contact Lydia Estenoz at Lydia.estenoz@keysschools.com.



Bus Driver Appreciation Week

Thank You!





Key West High School

SAC Meeting Dates—2024-2025

September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd
January 7th
February 4th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library and online.

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
1 st	07:35—08:20
2 nd	08:24—09:08
3 rd	09:12—09:59
4 th	10:03—10:47
Lunch	10:47—11:31
5 th	11:35—12:19
6 th	12:23—01:07
7 th	01:11—01:55
Pep Rally	02:00—02:30

Standard Day	
1 st	07:35—08:25
2 nd	08:29—09:18
3 rd	09:22—10:14
4 th	10:18—11:07
Lunch	11:07—11:51
5 th	11:55—12:44
6 th	12:48—01:37
7 th	01:41—02:30

7th Period Exams	
7 th Exam	07:35—09:10
1 st	09:14—09:56
2 nd	10:00—10:42
3 rd	10:46—11:30
Lunch	11:30—12:16
4 th	12:20—12:58
5 th	01:02—01:44
6 th	01:48—02:30

Early Release	
1 st	07:35—08:00
2 nd	08:04—08:29
3 rd	08:33—08:58
4 th	09:02—09:27
5 th	09:31—09:56
6 th	10:00—10:25
7 th	10:29—10:54
Lunch	10:54—11:30



KWHS 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Managed by Sebastian Dietrich

Updated 8/6/2024 8:31 AM

Early Release Exam	
Exam	07:35—09:10
Lunch	09:10—09:51
Exam	09:55—11:30



Scan for latest or visit
kwhs.mcscd.link/bell-schedule

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents~~~

The **1st and 2nd** round of scholarship lists has been posted!

I attached the both lists to the end of this newsletter.

Seniors have been notified through text by Mrs. Lydia Estenoz. Seniors can stop by Mrs. Estenoz's office to pick up the scholarship applications. Stay tuned to this newsletter for weekly updates of the new scholarships offered. There will be 100 scholarships offered between now and mid-April! What a wonderful opportunity for our Seniors!!! Thank you to all the Local sponsors of these scholarships!!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025	Digital
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Digital
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Digital



Monroe County School District 2024-2025 Calendar

August 5-6	New Teachers Report - BLPT Reports
August 7-9	All Teachers Report (Professional Days)
August 12-13	All Teachers Report (Professional Days)
August 14	Students Report
September 2	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
October 11	End of First Marking Period (42 Days)
October 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #2 Hurricane Makeup</i>
November 1	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #3 Hurricane Makeup</i>
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday - No School
November 25-27	Non-work / Non-Paid Days (No School)
November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
November 29	Non-work / Non-Paid Day (No School)
December 20	End of 1st Semester (84 days) - Early Dismissal Day
December 23- January 6	Winter Break - No School
January 6	Professional Day (No Students) - Full Day for Grading
January 7	Classes Reconvene
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - No School
February 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #4 Hurricane Makeup</i>
February 17	President's Day Holiday - No School
March 13	End of the 3rd Marking Period (45 Days)
March 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #1 Hurricane Makeup</i>
March 17-21	Spring Break - No School
March 24	Classes Reconvene
April 18	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #5 Hurricane Makeup</i>
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
May 30	End of Second Semester (93 Days) - Early Dismissal Day
June 2	Professional Day (No Students) - Full Day for Grading
June 3	Professional Day (No Students) - School Based PD



KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Late Bus departs at 4:45- Must have a late bus pass
AFTERNOONS (SEE BELOW)– 2:45 TO 3:45
(REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM DIRECTLY)

Science	Cerkleski 4-225	Thurs
Science STEM	E. Smith 2-102 J. Smith 4-109	Tue/Thur Tue/Thur
ELA /SAT Prep	Estenoz 1-115	Tue/Thur
ELA Recovery/ FAST Prep	Kinnune 4-209	Tue/Thur
Math/Chemistry & AP Chem/Physics	Nelson 1-208	Mon/Thur
AP Writing	Laubenstein 4-201	Mon/Thur
Math	Castro 4-118 (ELL) Hutman 4-234 (Alg 1 & Geo) Blackwell 4-204 (Alg 1 & Alg 2)	Thurs Tue Tue/ Thur
ESE/ Career Support	Berenz 4-106	Mon/Thur
Essay Writing	Rein Media Center	Mon/Tue/ Thur
Cosmetology Students only	Oropeza 1-133B	Mon (2:45-4:45)

Show your Conch Pride!



What are Conch Pride Accounts?

They are free checking accounts with Conch debit cards help raise money up to \$1,000 per month for Key West High School. Keys FCU donates:

\$5 to [KWHS for each account opened](#).

- \$2 to KWHS for each box of checks ordered.
- 1% of each account holder's debit card transactions, up to \$15 per month to KWHS during specific promotional periods like Back to School, Spring Break and Christmas season.

Conch Pride accounts include free adult and teen online & mobile financial education programs that teach them how to save and manage their checking account and credit history and more.

Who can get a Conch Pride Checking Account?

Conch Pride Checking Accounts and Debit Cards are perfect for KWHS students- 14 years and older, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and fans-that live or work in the Florida Keys.

Where can you open a Conch Pride account?

In Keys Federal Credit Union at 3022 N. Roosevelt Blvd. in Key Plaza, 514 Southard St., and 5300 Overseas Hwy. in Stock Island.

How can KWHS raise more money?

Create awareness of, and encourage students, staff, parents, and fans to open a Conch Pride checking account by:

- Announce/socialize account at staff meetings, school assemblies, pep rallies, sporting events, parent encounters and in classrooms
- Send flyer out in weekly newsletter and Peach jar email service
- Hang posters and banners in school/visible areas

Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- Identify promotional/sponsorship opportunities on school materials/areas
- Circulate donation photos and information

Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

Keys FCU will create and provide all Conch Pride marketing materials. KWHS must distribute, hang, communicate, and publish them.



Athletics



shutterstock.com · 2372640535

KWHS Track Team has a meet on
Saturday against Pine Crest!
Go Conchs!

KWHS Boys Lacrosse
play Coral Reef on
Friday, and
Westminster Christian
on Saturday!
Go Boys!!!!



KWHS JV Baseball
play Miami Palmetto on
Saturday!

KWHS Varsity play
University School on
Friday and Saturday!!

Let's Play Ball,
Conchs!



Artistic Stock | 1339467215

KWHS Girls
Lacrosse played
Archbishop
McCarthy on
Tuesday, and
Westminster
Christian today!

Go Girls!!!



The KWHS Boys Wrestling
have a Regional meet today
and Saturday! Go Conchs!!



shutterstock.com · 2517244261

KWHS Girls Softball played against Schoolhouse
Prep on Thursday and Doral on Saturday!!
Go Lady Conchs!!

Activities

STAY INVOLVED!!!

SENIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like every Senior to join!!
Senior Class of 2025 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's.

President— Deanna Gumarova Mercier
Vice President— Skye Sterling
Secretary— Pablo Anaya
Treasurer— Jada Franco
Historian— Alexa Condella

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

Student Council

Please join Student Council to get involved in the planning of our pep rallies, Homecoming, student government activities, Teacher Appreciation and so much more!!!

President— Skye Sterling
Vice President— Chloe Blackwell
Secretary— Maya Gray
Treasurer— Tamika Kelly
Historian— Prometheus Delacerda

Student Council sponsor: Miss Ayesha Osborne

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like every Junior to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Kieran Smith
Vice President— Emmy Jackson
Secretary— Tamika Kelly
Treasurer— Janelle Rodriguez
Historian— Prometheus Delacerda

Class sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like every Sophomore to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Jordan Greene
Vice President— Lily Smith
Secretary— Jillian Cullum
Treasurer— Ryleigh Harnish
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class Sponsor: Ms. Melissa Thomas

FRESHMEN

Class of 2028 Executive Board would like every Freshmen to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Kaine Dickerson
Vice President— Ben Delostrinos
Secretary— Jalynn Morales
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor: Miss Miranda Acevedo

COMMUNITY YARD SALE & *Market*

SHOP AMAZING DEALS FROM LOCAL VENDORS AND TREASURES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS! FROM GENTLY USED ITEMS TO UNIQUE HANDCRAFTED GOODS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.



**SATURDAY
MARCH 1, 2025**



**08:00 AM –
12:00 PM**



**KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL
PARKING LOT
2100 FLAGLER AVE.**

HELP SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2025'S OPERATION GRADUATION

**INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR STUFF?
SCAN THE QR CODE TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT**

For More Information Contact:
Shayne Brindisi
305-293-1549 ext. 54369
shayne.brindisi@keysschools.com



SCAN ME

KWHS Local Scholarships 2025

FOR SENIORS
ONLY

ROUND 1 (Released: 2/18/2025)

	SCHOLARSHIP	RELEASED	DUE	CRITERIA	INSTRUCTIONS
1	Brooke Pazo Memorial Scholarship for Fashion	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	(For Fashion Design, Interior Design, Marketing or related majors.)	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
2	Lower Duval Merchants "Business & Hospitality Scholarship"	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	Requires a minimum 2.5 GPA. • Applicant must be planning to attend college to study hospitality, tourism or business related.	Turn & to Mrs. Estenoz
3	G. Ross McKee, Jr. Scholarship for Educational Excellence	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	Requires minimum 2.5 GPA weighted; participation in school clubs or sports and proof of acceptance to a college or university.	Applications due to Mrs. Estenoz
4	ZONTA 3 in 1: Leadership/STEM/Z-Club Member	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	Offering 3 scholarships in one application online at Zontakeywest.com. Open to women only	Turn into Mrs. Estenoz. Interview may be required.
5	ZONTA INTERNATIONAL for YOUNG WOMEN in PUBLIC AFFAIRS	2/18/2025	3/10/2025	Open to women only. For volunteerism, student government, leadership and support of women.	Turn application into Mrs. Estenoz except for the two required letters of recommendations which must be mailed in by the recommenders via postal mail- post marked no later than March 10th to: ZONTA of KEY WEST, c/o M. Douthett, P.O. BOX 184, Key West, FL 33041
6	Marathon & Lower Keys Association of Realtors	2/18/2025	4/15/2025	Applicants must reside between Layton and Saddlebunch Key regardless of where they attend school.	Due by postal mail or may be also emailed in to CEO@MLKAR.com
	SUNRISE ROTARY of the CONCH REPUBLIC: 4 in 1 Unified Scholarship Application Packet	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	Criteria varies for each; see application. Use 1 application to apply for all 4 scholarships.	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
7	1. Sunrise Rotary for Memorial	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For significant community service. Min. 3.0 GPA	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
8	2. Eckwood Solomon/Glynn Archer Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For scholar athletes (requires 3.0 min GPA)	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
9	3. Sunrise Rotary "Conch Republic" Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For academic merit & comm. Serv.- 3.0 GPA min.	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
10	4. Mike & Debbie Horne Vocational Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For associate, certificate or vocational college/trade school. Min. 2.0 GPA	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
11	Judy Hobbs Memorial Scholarship by Society for Human Resource Managers (SHRM)	2/18/2025	3/7/2025	For majors in Human Resource Management or Business Mgmt. Requires 3.0 min. GPA.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
13	Laura Jane Baker Dwyer Scholarship for Black Students	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	For black students only who reside in the City of Key West with a minimum 2.5 GPA who will attend college.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
14	VOICES Carol Parker Memorial Scholarship-2.0	2/18/2025	4/1/2025	Recently modified to broaden criteria of hardship. The mission of the Carol Parker Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students who have faced personal challenges and continue to persevere and pursue post educational opportunities.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz

This list is updated weekly through April by Mr. Estenoz, KWHS College & Career Counselor lydia.estenoz@keysschools.com

15	Islamorada Fishing and Conservation Trust (IFACT)	2/18/2025	4/21/2025	<i>For bachelor or associate degree seekers in marine affairs, marine engineering, wild life, conservation, or trade school for outboard or diesel mechanic.</i>	<i>Due by mail or email to IFACT scholarship contact: KIMCOL1@hotmail.com</i>
16	Gina Soldano Smith Memorial Scholarship for Teaching	2/18/2025	3/28/2025	<i>(For students who will attend college to become educators, or any degree when the student was an EL (English Learner) student at any time during high school.)</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
17	United Teachers of Monroe (UTM)	2/18/2025	4/18/2025	<i>Open to the children/dependents of employees of the Monroe County School District that are also member of UTM.</i>	<i>Due by Mail 4/10, or by 4/07 if given to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
18	Florida Keys Flight Academy	2/18/2025	3/31/2025	<i>To support students in getting their pilot school hours through Florida Keys Flight Academy.</i>	<i>Email application to floridakeysflightacademy@gmail.com</i>
19	The Isaac Cuervo Archer Memorial "Diamond Fund Scholarship"	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	<i>To support a student with any post-graduation plan, not limited to college. Considers school and sports participation as well as any hardships overcome in high school.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
20	Rotary Club of Key West Paul J. Sher Memorial Scholarship	2/18/2025	3/10/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A min. of 100 community service hours • A min of a 3.0 unweighted GPA • A min SAT of 1100—OR—ACT of 22 • Completed (or still enrolled in) a minimum of seven (7) DE and/or AP courses • Have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$30,000 or less per the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid) 	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
21	Rotary Club of Key West Robert G. Walker Memorial Scholarship	2/18/2025	3/24/2025	<i>Requires 300 minimum hours of community service.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
22	Rotary Club of Key West Andy Griffiths	2/18/2025	3/24/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For bachelor's degree in the field of education. • Min. 2.5 GPA • Have a Student Aid Index of \$30,000 or less as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) • Not be a child or grandchild of a member of the Rotary Club of Key West 	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
23	Hemingway Look-A-Like Society's "Opportunity Scholarship"	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	<i>Awards \$2500 to a student who will attend any college/university. Requires proof of acceptance to said college.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz. Interview may be required.</i>
24	Hemingway Look-A-Like Society's "Shine Forbes" Scholarship for College of the Florida Keys (CFK)	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	<i>Awards \$1500 to a student who will attend the College of the Florida Keys. Requires proof of acceptance to CFK.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
25	The Dexter Lang Butler Memorial Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/18/2025	<i>Requires 2.5 min. GPA, an athlete at KWHS and proof of acceptance to a college or university.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
26	Guide Trust Foundation (GTF)	2/18/2025	4/15/2025	<i>For students pursuing majors in marine affairs, marine biology, enviro. studies and related.</i>	<i>Must be be turned into Mrs. Estenoz, emailed or mailed with post-mark by 04/15/25</i>
27	Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA)	2/18/2025	4/15/2025	<i>For studies in law enforcement, criminology, paralegal, legal studies, forensics, corrections or related field.</i>	<i>Submit via email to: admin@monroecountybar.net</i>

KWHS Local Scholarships 2025

FOR SENIORS
ONLY

ROUND 1 (Released: 2/18/2025)

	SCHOLARSHIP	RELEASED	DUE	CRITERIA	INSTRUCTIONS
1	Brooke Pazo Memorial Scholarship for Fashion	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	(For Fashion Design, Interior Design, Marketing or related majors.)	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
2	Lower Duval Merchants "Business & Hospitality Scholarship"	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	Requires a minimum 2.5 GPA. • Applicant must be planning to attend college to study hospitality, tourism or business related.	Turn & to Mrs. Estenoz
3	G. Ross McKee, Jr. Scholarship for Educational Excellence	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	Requires minimum 2.5 GPA weighted; participation in school clubs or sports and proof of acceptance to a college or university.	Applications due to Mrs. Estenoz
4	ZONTA 3 in 1: Leadership/STEM/Z-Club Member	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	Offering 3 scholarships in one application online at Zontakeywest.com. Open to women only	Turn into Mrs. Estenoz. Interview may be required.
5	ZONTA INTERNATIONAL for YOUNG WOMEN in PUBLIC AFFAIRS	2/18/2025	3/10/2025	Open to women only. For volunteerism, student government, leadership and support of women.	Turn application into Mrs. Estenoz except for the two required letters of recommendations which must be mailed in by the recommenders via postal mail- post marked no later than March 10th to: ZONTA of KEY WEST, c/o M. Douthett, P.O. BOX 184, Key West, FL 33041
6	Marathon & Lower Keys Association of Realtors	2/18/2025	4/15/2025	Applicants must reside between Layton and Saddlebunch Key regardless of where they attend school.	Due by postal mail or may be also emailed in to CEO@MLKAR.com
	SUNRISE ROTARY of the CONCH REPUBLIC: 4 in 1 Unified Scholarship Application Packet	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	Criteria varies for each; see application. Use 1 application to apply for all 4 scholarships.	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
7	1. Sunrise Rotary for Memorial	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For significant community service. Min. 3.0 GPA	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
8	2. Eckwood Solomon/Glynn Archer Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For scholar athletes (requires 3.0 min GPA)	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
9	3. Sunrise Rotary "Conch Republic" Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For academic merit & comm. Serv.- 3.0 GPA min.	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
10	4. Mike & Debbie Horne Vocational Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/11/2025	For associate, certificate or vocational college/trade school. Min. 2.0 GPA	Turn in via email by April 11th to: kwsr.scholarships@gmail.com
11	Judy Hobbs Memorial Scholarship by Society for Human Resource Managers (SHRM)	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	For majors in Human Resource Management or Business Mgmt. Requires 3.0 min. GPA.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
12	Laura Jane Baker Dwyer Scholarship for Black Students	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	For black students only who reside in the City of Key West with a minimum 2.5 GPA who will attend college.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
13	VOICES Carol Parker Memorial Scholarship-2.0	2/18/2025	4/1/2025	Recently modified to broaden criteria of hardship. The mission of the Carol Parker Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students who have faced personal challenges and continue to persevere and pursue post educational opportunities.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz

This list is updated weekly through April by Mr. Estenoz, KWHS College & Career Counselor lydia.estenoz@keysschools.com

14	Islamorada Fishing and Conservation Trust (IFACT)	2/18/2025	4/21/2025	<i>For bachelor or associate degree seekers in marine affairs, marine engineering, wild life, conservation, or trade school for outboard or diesel mechanic.</i>	<i>Due by mail or email to IFACT scholarship contact: KIMCOL1@hotmail.com</i>
15	Gina Soldano Smith Memorial Scholarship for Teaching	2/18/2025	3/28/2025	<i>(For students who will attend college to become educators, or any degree when the student was an EL (English Learner) student at any time during high school.)</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
16	United Teachers of Monroe (UTM)	2/18/2025	4/18/2025	<i>Open to the children/dependents of employees of the Monroe County School District that are also member of UTM.</i>	<i>Due by Mail 4/10, or by 4/07 if given to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
17	Florida Keys Flight Academy	2/18/2025	3/31/2025	<i>To support students in getting their pilot school hours through Florida Keys Flight Academy.</i>	<i>Email application to floridakeysflightacademy@gmail.com</i>
18	Guide Trust Foundation (GTF)	2/18/2025	4/15/2025	<i>For students pursuing majors in marine affairs, marine biology, enviro. studies and related.</i>	<i>Must be turned into Mrs. Estenoz, emailed or mailed with post-mark by 04/15/25</i>
19	The Isaac Cuervo Archer Memorial "Diamond Fund Scholarship"	2/18/2025	3/26/2025	<i>To support a student with any post-graduation plan, not limited to college. Considers school and sports participation as well as any hardships overcome in high school.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
20	Rotary Club of Key West Paul J. Sher Memorial Scholarship	2/18/2025	3/10/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A min. of 100 community service hours • A min of a 3.0 unweighted GPA • A min SAT of 1100—OR—ACT of 22 • Completed (or still enrolled in) a minimum of seven (7) DE and/or AP courses • Have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$30,000 or less per the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid) 	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
21	Rotary Club of Key West Robert G. Walker Memorial Scholarship	2/18/2025	3/24/2025	<i>Requires 300 minimum hours of community service.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
22	Rotary Club of Key West Andy Griffiths	2/18/2025	3/24/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For bachelor's degree in the field of education. • Min. 2.5 GPA • Have a Student Aid Index of \$30,000 or less as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) • Not be a child or grandchild of a member of the Rotary Club of Key West 	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
23	Hemingway Look-A-Like Society's "Opportunity Scholarship"	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	<i>Awards \$2500 to a student who will attend any college/university. Requires proof of acceptance to said college.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz. Interview may be required.</i>
24	Hemingway Look-A-Like Society's "Shine Forbes" Scholarship for College of the Florida Keys (CFK)	2/18/2025	3/13/2025	<i>Awards \$1500 to a student who will attend the College of the Florida Keys. Requires proof of acceptance to CFK.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
25	The Dexter Lang Butler Memorial Scholarship	2/18/2025	4/18/2025	<i>Requires 2.5 min. GPA, an athlete at KWHS and proof of acceptance to a college or university.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
26	Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA)	2/18/2025	4/15/2025	<i>For studies in law enforcement, criminology, paralegal, legal studies, forensics, corrections or related field.</i>	<i>Submit via email to: admin@monroecountybar.net</i>

ROUND 2 (Released: 2/28/2025)					
	SCHOLARSHIP	RELEASED	DUE	CRITERIA	INSTRUCTIONS
27	Lucilo Gonzalez Sportsmanship Scholarship	2/28/2025	3/26/2025	Requires minimum 3.0 GPA weighted and participation in high school sports.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
28	Reef Relief Scholarship	2/28/2025	4/11/2025	For students who display a passion towards marine conservation and will major in marine affairs, marine biology, environmental studies or related.	Submit via email or postal mail to Reefrelief@gmail.com
29-31	Lower Keys Medical Center Scholarships for Nursing and Medical Fields (3 in 1 Application)	2/28/2025	3/28/2025	Three scholarships are offered: One for Nursing Work/Study Scholarship to CFK and two scholarships for Medical & Healthcare Scholarship for an accredited institution in Monroe or Dade County.	Submitt application to Mrs. Estenoz
32	KW Chamber of Commerce "Mosher" Vocational (for degrees requiring 2 years or less)	2/28/2025	3/28/2025 by 5pm	Requires proof of acceptance to a college or vocational/tech. school.	Apply online at https://www.keywestchamber.org/scholarships.html
33	KW Chamber of Commerce "Honor Roll 100" (for high academic merit/moderate financial need)	2/28/2025	3/28/2025 by 5pm	Committee considers financial need, personal need, and high academic achievement. Finalists are interviewed.	Apply online at https://www.keywestchamber.org/scholarships.html
34	KW Chamber of Commerce "Appelrouth" (for high community service)	2/28/2025	3/28/2025 by 5pm	Strong community service, mid-range GPA and show financial need. Finalists are interviewed.	Apply online at https://www.keywestchamber.org/scholarships.html
35	The Eloy "Rod" Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship	2/28/2025	3/26/2025	Requires 3.0 GPA and must have played KWHS Baseball of KWHS Softball.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
36	Key West Art Center's Martha Sauer	2/28/2025	4/15/2025	For student who will major in a fine arts field. Requires student submit artwork portfolio, essay and other information.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
37	US Navy League- KW for KWHS NJROTC Students	2/28/2025	3/27/2025	Requires that student participated in the KWHS NJROTC program and 2.5 min. GPA	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
38	Coldwell Banker Schmitt Charitable Foundation	2/28/2025	4/1/2025	Requires minimum 100 hours of community service and essay.	Submit by email or postal mail.
39	Sons & Daughters of Italy- Vocational/Trade School	2/28/2025	3/31/2025	Requires student be of Italian descent and completes scholarship application as well as Lodge application. Scholarship is for studies to any accredited college, vocational/trade school or university.	Must be mailed to indicated address.
40	Sunset Rotary Club of Key West Bobby Menendez CONCH PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP	2/28/2025	3/27/2025	Min. 3.0 GPA and demonstrated Conch Pride.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
41	Sunset Rotary Club of Key West Manny Madruga Memorial Scholarship	2/28/2025	3/27/2025	Min. 3.0 GPA and going to college for law, law enforcement, criminology, forensics are related studies.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
42	Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association	2/28/2025	4/7/2025	Open to all students. Preference given to students whose parent are commercial fishermen or work in seafood/marine related industry in Monroe.	Submit via email to: sjfcpa@sharonferguson.com
43	Southernmost Seminoles Club	2/28/2025	3/28/2025	Requires that student has been accepted to Florida State University.	Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz
ROUND 2 continued on next page (Released: 2/28/2025)					

	ROUND 2 <i>continued</i> (Released: 2/28/2025)				
	SCHOLARSHIP	RELEASED	DUE	CRITERIA	INSTRUCTIONS
44	John David Zeoli Memorial	2/28/2025	4/30/2025	<i>Requires min. 3.0 GPA and min. 75 hours of community service.</i>	<i>Apply and submit application online: https://forms.gle/2CIYdc3ECJlTHcy7</i>
45	Franklin Stevens, Jr. Memorial Scholarships	2/28/2025	4/8/2025	<i>For students who have participated in KWHs Band or Info. Technology classes and will pursue a computer science related degree.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
46	Southernmost Hockey Club Scholarship	2/28/2025	5/1/2025	<i>Requires student has played in the S'most Hockey Club and volunteered for the club at least 20 hours.</i>	<i>Submit via email to keywesthockey@gmail.com</i>
47	The Roosevelt C. Sands, Jr. Legacy Scholarship for Community Keepers sponsored by the Key West Housing Authority	2/28/2025	4/8/2025	<i>Requires minimum 2.5 GPA and 100 hours of community service.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
48	Jonathan Wells Memorial Scholarship (Preference for Softball/Baseball)	2/28/2025	4/2/2025	<i>For scholar/athlete with participation in KWHs sports. Min. 2.5 GPA required. Proof of acceptance to a college or university.</i>	<i>Due to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
49	I.V.L.A College-Bound	2/28/2025	4/30/2025	<i>Requires Min. GPA of 2.5 and acceptance to a college.</i>	<i>Applications must be completed and submitted online at: https://internationalvla.com/college-scholarship-from-ivla/</i>
50	Floy V. Thompson Memorial (CFFK Wolkowski Trust)	2/28/2025	4/2/2025	<i>For high academic achievement and outstanding community service. Req. min 4.0 GPA weighted and that students has taken AP or DE classes.</i>	<i>To Mrs. Estenoz</i>
51	Frankie Gutierrez Jr. Memorial (Firefighting/EMT/Paramedic, sports/avid outdoorsman)	2/28/2025	4/15/2025	<i>Requires 2.5 minimum GPA; participation in sports at KWHs and avid outdoors enthusiast. Preference for firefighter/EMT program participants.</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
52	Dr. Otha & Betty Cox Memorial Scholarship	2/28/2025	4/15/2025	<i>For Black students who will attend college; Requires a min. 2.5 GPA and at least 50 hrs. of community service completed in FOCUS</i>	<i>Turn in to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
53	Peary Court Residences "Life Just Got Better" Scholarship	2/28/2025	4/8/2025	<i>Requires 3.0 min. GPA; proof of acceptance to a college, university or trade school and min. 75 hours of community service. Interviews required of finalists.</i>	<i>Turn in to to Mrs. Estenoz</i>
This list is updated weekly through April by Mr. Estenoz, KWHs College & Career Counselor lydia.estenoz@keysschools.com					