



Weekly NEWSLETTER

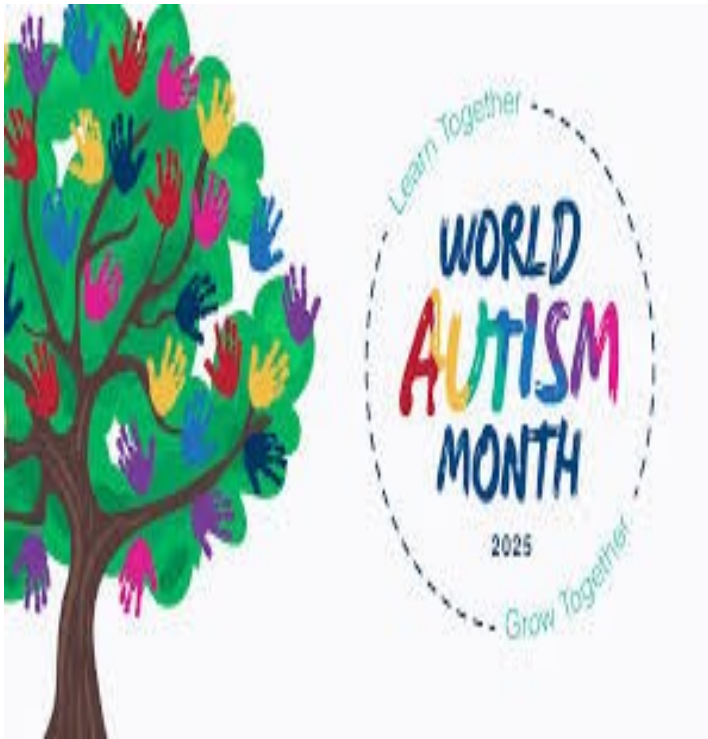
Conchs Issue #29

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

April 11, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS **APRIL 2025**

- **April 10th-12th**— KWHs Drama Club “Mama Mia” production in the auditorium at 7:00pm (see flyer in the newsletter)
- **April 12th**— Spring Craft Fair at KWHs parking lot (see flyer in the newsletter)
- **April 14th**— Junior Ring Ceremony in the auditorium at 1:30pm. Families are welcomed
- **April 17th**— Jr/Sr Field Day from 8:30am-2:30pm
- **April 18th**— No School—Professional Day
- **April 26th**— Conchette Capers in the auditorium at 1:00pm and 7:00pm

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.



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



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CRAFT FAIR & COMMUNITY YARD SALE

APRIL 12TH | 8AM- 12 PM

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

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

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**



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**PROCEEDS FROM SPOTS SOLD SUPPORT THIS
YEAR'S OPERATION GRADUATION**

KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

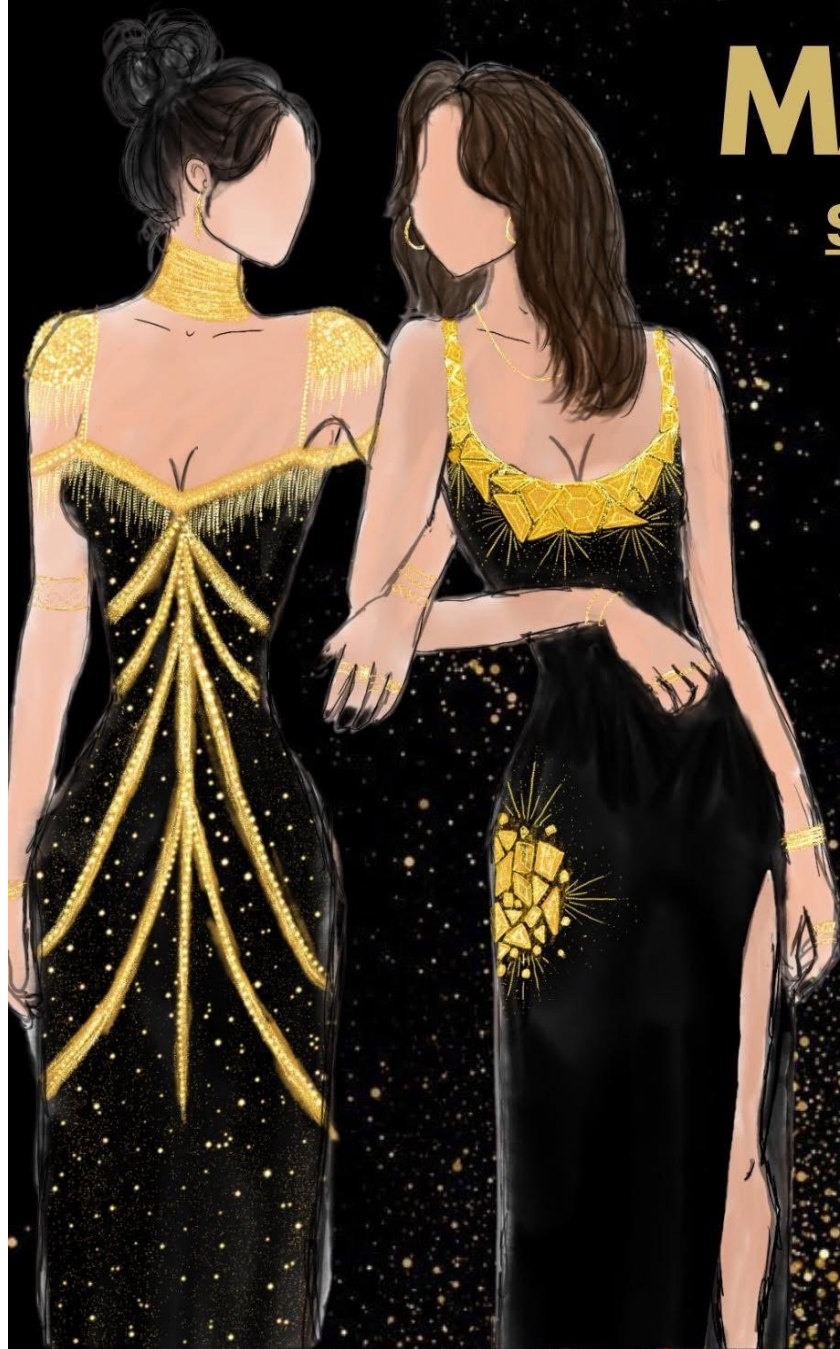
THE FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY

MAY 10TH

SHOWTIME 7PM

Doors Open at 6:30PM



SCAN TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS BELOW



Signature



CURSIVE WORKSHOP

**TUESDAY,
APRIL 8TH**

**KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL
MEDIA CENTER**

2:35 TO 3:45 PM

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING
HOW TO WRITE IN CURSIVE SO YOU
CAN CREATE YOUR UNIQUE
SIGNATURE?**

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



FOR SENIORS:



**Tuesday
April 15th
3rd Period
Auditorium**

***Attendance will be taken
in the assembly*

FINAL SENIOR ASSEMBLY

with Mrs. Nicklaus, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Brindisi

FOR SENIOR PARENTS:



- **Graduation Eligibility**
- **Graduation events & timeline**
- **Operation Graduation**
- **Volunteer opportunities**
- **Final transcripts**

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

with Mrs. Nicklaus, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. Brindisi

**Tuesday, April 15th
6pm in the Cafeteria**

WILLIAMS HALL PRESENTS THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB IN

MAMMA MIA! TM

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
BENNY ANDERSSON
BJORN ULVAEUS
SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY
CATHERINE
JOHNSON

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
& ARRANGEMENTS
MARTIN KOCH



STARRING THE MEMBERS OF THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB DIRECTOR JEREMY ZOMA
PRODUCER EMILY GALVAN TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REBECCA BERTUCCI & BRANDON BEACH
CHOREOGRAPHER LAUREN THOMPSON COSTUMES SUSHI PRODUCTION

APRIL 10-12, 2025

KWHS AUDITORIUM - 2100 FLAGLER AVENUE, KEY WEST, FLORIDA

7:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM)

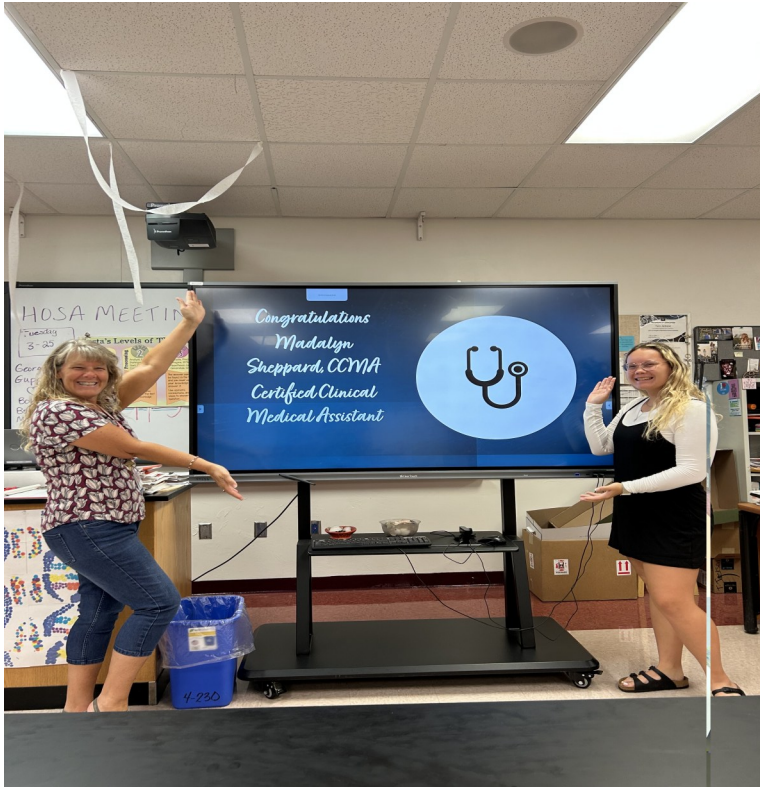
Mamma Mia! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



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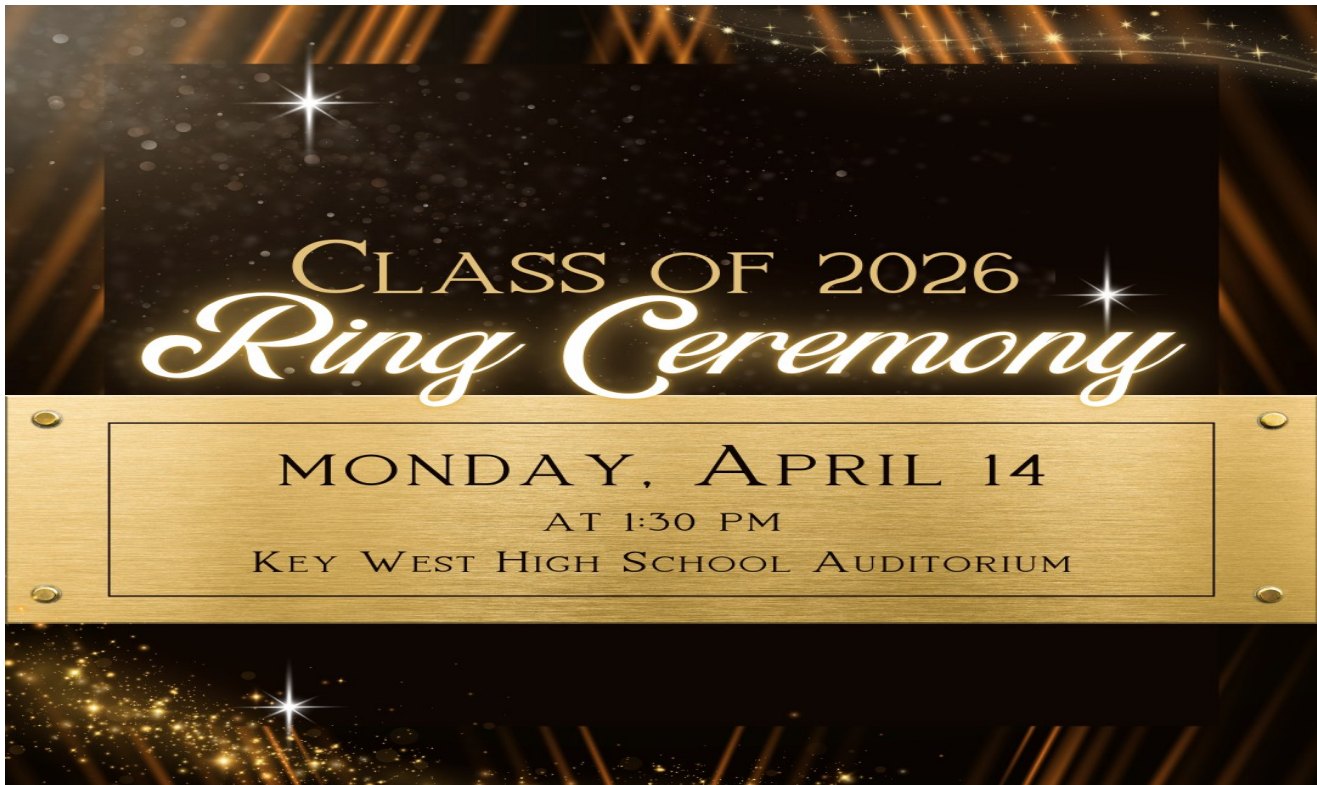


Please join us in
congratulating the
first Certified
Clinical Medical
Assistant for this
senior season,
Madalyn Sheppard!

Way to go, Mady!!!!



The Talented Twenty program in Florida recognizes seniors who place in the top 20% of their graduating class at the end of their 7th semester based on GPA. The qualifications are pulled according to students that have submitted SAT, ACT, or CLT scores prior to their enrollment in one of Florida's Universities. Congratulations to the Class of 2025 Talented Twenty. (Pictured with seniors: Senior Counselor Mrs. Caitlin Nicklaus).



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

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

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



KWHS
2024-2025
Bell Schedule

Managed by Sebastian Dietrich

Updated 8/6/2024 8:31 AM



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

Attention Juniors and Seniors—Jr/Sr Field Day is Thursday, April 17th

Juniors and Seniors have been informed that in order to participate they need to meet the following criteria:

- **GRADES**: Students cannot have more than one failing (F) grade.
- **DEBT LIST**: Students cannot be on the debt list (i.e., cafeteria, library, AP exams, athletic uniforms, Chromebook, etc).
- **DISCIPLINE**: Students must not owe an admin detention and/or Saturday school.



KEY WEST CONCHS



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
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



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KWHS Track had a meet against Coral Shores on Tuesday, and a meet on Friday
Go Conchs!!

KWHS Boys Lacrosse played Florida Christian on Thursday and an away game on Saturday!!
Go Boys!!!!



KWHS JV Baseball does not have a game this week

KWHS Varsity played Eustis on Wednesday and Thursday!!



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KWHS Girls Lacrosse played Lourdes on Tuesday and an away game on Friday!

Go Girls!!!



KWHS Tennis play Marathon Tuesday, and Coral Shores on Thursday!!

Way to go, Conchs!!



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KWHS Varsity Softball played Ransom Everglades on Tuesday, Mater Bay on Friday, and Coral Shores 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

Congratulations 2025 GRADS

Show your support of the Class of 2025 by advertising in their
KEEPSAKE EDITION GRADUATION SECTION!

Graduates of Key West High School, Somerset Island Prep, Marathon High School and Coral Shores High School will be featured in Keys Citizen and Florida Keys Free Press on Thursday, May 29.

This keepsake issue of Keys Citizen and Free Press is your opportunity to salute the graduates and wish them bright and successful futures. Each graduate's senior photo will be reproduced in full color.

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FULL PAGE

6 COLUMNS (10.125" W) x 10" H

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QUARTER PAGE

3 COLUMNS (5" W) x 5" H

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SALES DEADLINE • FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025
PUBLISH DATE • THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

CONTACT MISTY TO BOOK YOUR AD SPACE NOW:

Misty Weech 305.896.6859 mweech@keysnews.com



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**Key West
High School
Tuesday, April 15
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

All donors will receive*:

- **Refreshments**
- **OneBlood T-Shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Get a Good Night's Sleep - Eat A Good Breakfast - Be Well Hydrated

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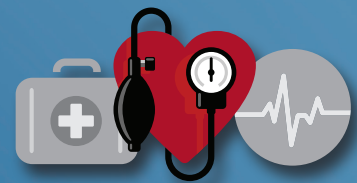
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Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 438**



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KEY WEST HIGH



2028 & 2027

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES



**5:30 PM
TO
6:30 PM**



PARENT NIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

KWHS MEDIA CENTER

