



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #8

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 8, 2024

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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS **OCT 2024**

- ♦ **October 14th**— Professional Day—No Students
- ♦ **October 16th & 17th**— Senior Pictures in the auditorium....see the info inside this newsletter
- ♦ **October 18th**— Senior and Underclassmen Retake Picture Day in the auditorium
- ♦ **October 18th**— Volunteer Fair in the gym sponsored by NHS
- ♦ **October 28th**— Homecoming Parade
- ♦ **October 29th**— Student Council Trunk or Treat in the KWHs parking lot 6:00pm
- ♦ **October 30th**— Homecoming speeches in the auditorium
- ♦ **October 31st**— Homecoming voting in the auditorium

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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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.



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Our Conch 5 Studios will be starting their **FREE** outdoor movie season at Fort East Martello (by the airport).
 Conch 5 Studios will be popping and handing out **FREE POPCORN** at each screening in October through May!
 There will be multiple food trucks and food & beverage vendors! **FREE** Bounce houses for the kids and a LASER
 LIGHT show produced my Conch 5 Studios! Don't miss it!!!



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024	Digital
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024	Digital
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



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



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



TUNNEL TO TOWERS
NATIONAL RUN, WALK & CLIMB SERIES

TUNNEL TO TOWERS

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RUN & WALK



BIG PINE KEY, FL

RUN. WALK. HONOR.

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 2

RACE STARTS AT 8:30AM

BIG PINE PARK

31009 Atlantis Drive
Big Pine Key, FL 33043

BigPineKeyRun@t2t.org



FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION,
VISIT US AT T2T.ORG



@TUNNEL2TOWERS #T2TRUN

Donate New Diapers & Formula to Help those in Need.

All diaper sizes needed, especially sizes 4, 5, & 6 needed the most.
Make sure the formula won't expire within 6 months.

Drop-off Locations:

Wesley House Family Services
1304 Truman Ave., Key West
- and -

Key West Woman's Club
319 Duval St., Key West

Collection Dates:
Now thru October 9th

Let's make a difference
for our community.

**Diaper
& Formula
DRIVE**
for **Wesley House**



**Thank You for
Your Donation**

sponsored by the
Key West #41 Ambassador Class



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.





Mrs. Tara Jackson's Medical Interventions students modeled antibiotic action on bacteria in the body through an activity that used dice rolls to determine if the antibiotic was taken or forgotten, and the effect that would have on an infectious bacterial population in the body.



Mr. Coleman and Mr. Burnett's HOPE classes completed an Alcohol awareness lesson and used the "Fatal Vision" glasses to experience the impacts various BAC levels have on the central nervous system.

The KWHS DRAMA CLUB Presents

FALL SHOWCASE

- THROUGH THE DECADES -

SINGING, DANCING, SKITS,
POETRY, LIVE MUSIC & MORE

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE KWHS DRAMA CLUB

WILLIAMSHALL
729 Fleming Street, Key West, FL

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AND
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024
AT 7:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM)**

TICKETS
WWW.KEYSTIX.COM
\$20 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$15 STUDENT/TEACHER
(WITH VALID SCHOOL ID)

Sponsored by:

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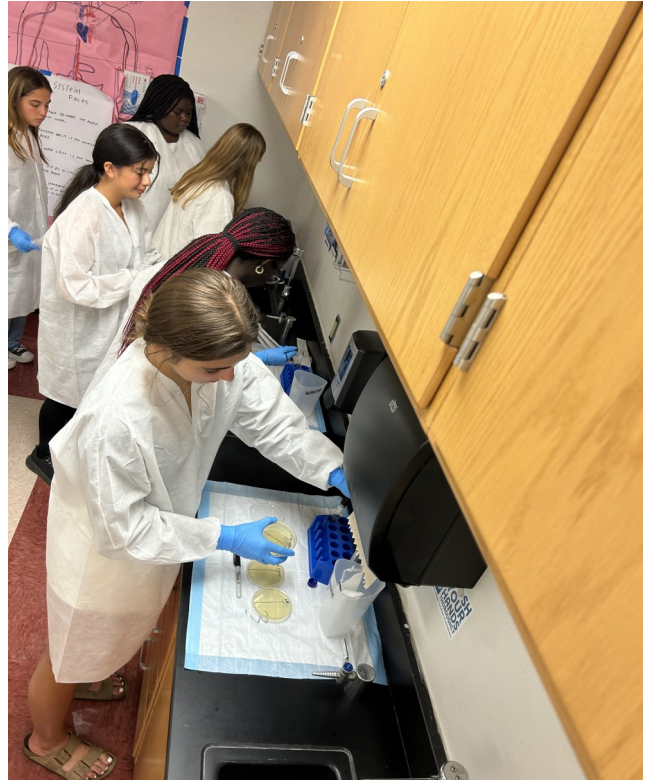
Conchs on BROADWAY

Homecoming Spirit Week

OCTOBER 28- NOVEMBER 2

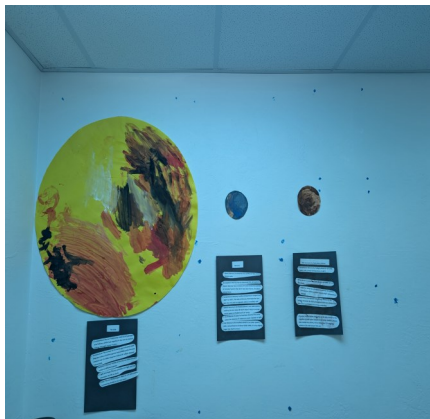
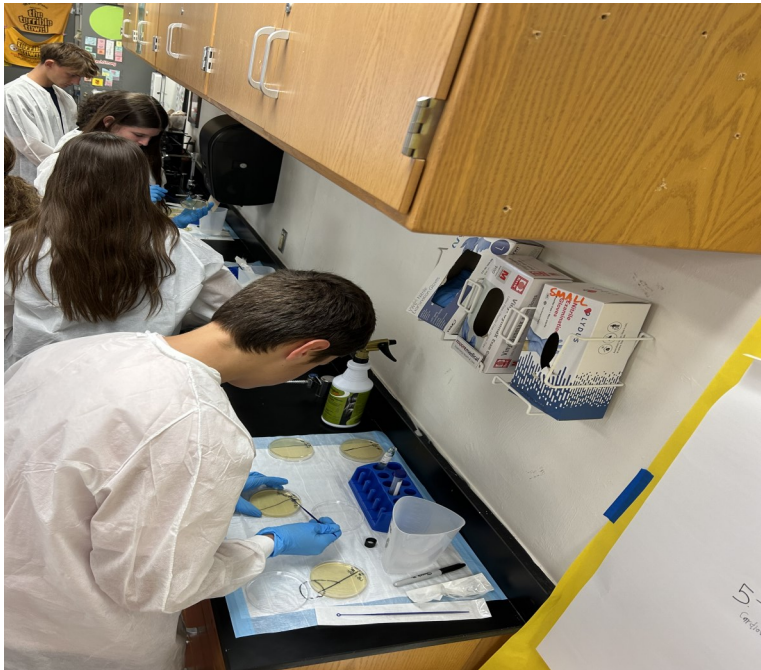
Monday	Twin Day/Tuesday
Senior Toga Day Homecoming Parade	Duo Day/ Twin Day Trunk or Treat 6-9pm
Wednesday	Thriller/Thursday
Wild West	Each class will dress in costumes Pep Rally @ 2:00
Friday	Saturday
No School Football Game @ 7pm	Homecoming Dance 7-10pm

@kwhsstuco



Mrs. Tara Jackson's Medical Interventions students were able to successfully grow antibiotic resistant bacteria!

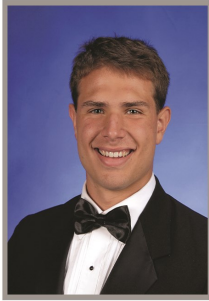
By mixing two strains of bacteria already possessing resistance to different antibiotics together, the bacteria were able to share their genetic information and both strains became resistant to both antibiotics.



Mrs. Phillips students are continuing their replica solar system with one pagers full of information for each planet!

Key West High School Class of 2025

Senior Photos will take place on October 16th & 17th



TUXEDO

Please wear a white t-shirt under your uniform shirt on this day. We will take pictures in a tuxedo shirt, jacket and bow-tie which will be provided for you.

DRAPE

Please wear any strapless top or tanktop under your uniform on this day. A formal drape will be provided and placed over it for the portrait.



CAP AND GOWN ADD ON

On picture day you will be able to upgrade your session to include Cap & Gown photos for \$25



SCAN TO UPGRADE



PRIVATE, ONLINE POSTING OF PORTRAITS:

You will receive your private code to view your gallery online this day. You will also have the ability to select which of the 4 yearbook poses will be used in next year's book. Final date for selection will be announced by the Yearbook Advisor. If not selected, HJPhoto reserves the right to select your pose for submission to the yearbook publisher

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Attention Seniors and their Families,

Senior Pictures will take place on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th in the auditorium. Mrs. Saunders has given each senior an appointment time. She will send the date and appointment time to each senior starting next week through their keysstudents email.

Seniors, please check your emails from Mrs. Saunders next week.

Families, please remind your senior to check for an email from Mrs. Saunders next week!

If you chose to take a cap and gown picture, there is a \$25.00 fee. The QR code is above on the flyer. Mrs. Saunders will also have this QR code during picture day. If you wish to pay with cash or check, there will be a receipt book to issue receipts. Please make checks payable to "HJMiami".

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Saunders at Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com

Athletics



KWHS Volleyball played Coral Shores on Monday! It was also their SENIOR NIGHT!!

KWHS Golf did not have a meet this week.



KWHS Cross Country have their 305 Classic meet on Friday!!



KWHS Swim Team have their Barbara Goleman meet on Saturday!!



The KWHS Fighting Conchs play Miami Northwestern on Friday home at Tommy Roberts!!
Kick off is at 7:00pm!!



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— Jorge Sanchez
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:



Key West High School

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Rebecca Palomino
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David Perkins
Assistant Principal
Yanelys Ballard
Assistant Principal
Ja-Ronika Veldheer

Key West High School Fall Testing Season Dates

as of 10/2/24

October

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, October 2 nd	Algebra 1 Retake Biology
Friday, October 4 th	Geometry/Biology & US History Retake
Tuesday, October 8 th	All Retake Make ups
Wednesday, October 9 th	All Retake Make ups
Wednesday, October 16 th	10 th & 11 th PSAT/NMSQT
Friday, October 18 th	10 th & 11 th PSAT/NMSQT (Make up)
Tuesday, October 22 nd	12 th Gr. SAT (Concordant Only)
Thursday, October 24 th	12 th Gr. SAT (Make up)

November

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, November 20 th	Florida Civics Literacy Exam
Thursday, November 21 st	Florida Civics Literacy Exam (make up)

December

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, December 4	Algebra 1 Retake
Friday, December 6	Geometry Retake
Monday, December 9	ELA Retake
Wednesday, December 11	Biology & US History Retake
Thursday, December 12	All Retake Make up
Friday, December 13	All Retake Make up

Biology & US History Sign up:

<https://forms.gle/ZuGsLm74pKcZQtro7> (counselors will share this with students)

State Testing Windows

PM 1 FAST State Testing Window: August 12 – October 4 (Extended)
(Alg, Geo, US Hist, Bio) Retake Window: September 9 – October 11 (Extended)
Florida Civics Literacy Exam: November 4-December 20
(Alg, Geo, US Hist, Bio) Retake Window: December 2- 20
PM 2 FAST State Testing Window: December 2 – January 24



DONATE BLOOD



Key West High School
Thursday, October 17
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

All donors will receive*:

- **Refreshments**
- **Halloween T-shirt**
- **2 Slices of Pizza and Beverage at Lunchtime**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

16 & 17 Year Old Donors are required to have a Signed Consent Form to donate.

Return Signed Consent Forms to Ms. Jackson by Tuesday, October 15th.

*** Get a good night's sleep. Eat a Hearty Breakfast. Be Well Hydrated ***

Donors
Receive



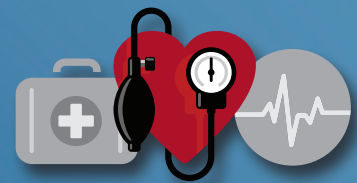
– PLUS –



– PLUS –



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

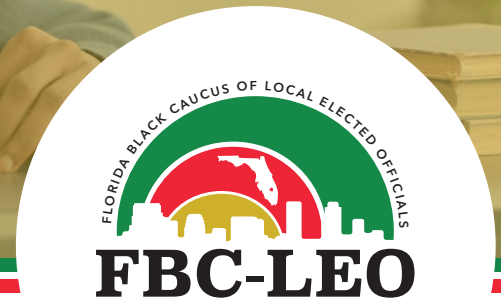


ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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FBC-LEO 2025 Essay Contest



Essay Contest on the Importance of Civic Engagement Among Youth

About

Civic engagement among youth is crucial for the health and vitality of any society. When young people actively participate in their communities – whether through voting, volunteering or activism – they not only help address immediate issues, but also lay the foundation for long-term societal progress. Their involvement brings fresh ideas, challenges the status quo and helps to build a more inclusive and representative democracy. Supporting and encouraging civic engagement among young people can lead to more vibrant, equitable communities and a stronger, more resilient society.

Prompt

In 750 words or less, discuss the “Importance of Civic Engagement Among Youth” and the significance of young people participating in politics, community service and activism. Explore how increased civic engagement can influence societal change and the potential barriers that young people face.

Prize

1. First place winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from the **Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials** (FBC-LEO).
2. Second place winner will receive a \$500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.
3. Third place winner will receive a \$250 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.

Entry Requirements and Instructions

You must be an eleventh or twelfth grader in an FBC-LEO member municipality during the 2024-2025 school year.

- The essay must be typed or legibly printed (no cursive and no pictures).
- The use of AI and ChatGPT software or similar programs is strictly prohibited.
- The essay must not exceed 750 words.
- A completed entry form must be returned with your essay.
- Previous winners may not apply.
- Submit your entry by **December 6, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. ET** at fbcleo.org/essay-contest.
- Essays received after the deadline will not be considered.

For a list of FBC-LEO member cities, towns and villages, see page 2.

FBC-LEO Online

For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit fbcleo.org.

Questions?

Contact Caressa Andrews-Moye at candrewsmoye@flcities.com or 850.701.3621.

Member Municipalities

City

City of Alachua
City of Apopka
City of Bartow
City of Belle Glade
City of Bowling Green
City of Chattahoochee
City of Clermont
City of Cocoa
City of Cooper City
City of Coral Springs
City of Dade City
City of Dania Beach
City of Daytona Beach
City of DeLand
City of Eustis
City of Fort Lauderdale
City of Fort Meade
City of Fort Myers
City of Fort Pierce
City of Gainesville
City of Green Cove Springs
City of Gretna
City of Haines City
City of Hawthorne
City of Hollywood
City of Jacksonville
City of Key West
City of Lake City
City of Lake Wales
City of Lauderdale Lakes
City of Lauderhill
City of Live Oak
City of Madison
City of Melbourne
City of Miami Gardens
City of Midway
City of Miramar
City of Monticello
City of Newberry
City of North Lauderdale
City of North Miami
City of North Miami Beach

City of Ocala
City of Opa-locka
City of Orange City
City of Orlando
City of Pahokee
City of Palatka
City of Palm Bay
City of Palmetto
City of Panama City
City of Pensacola
City of Pinellas Park
City of Plant City
City of Pompano Beach
City of Quincy
City of Riviera Beach
City of Rockledge
City of Sarasota
City of South Bay
City of St. Petersburg
City of Starke
City of Stuart
City of Tallahassee
City of Tamarac
City of Waldo
City of West Palm Beach
City of West Park
City of Westlake
City of Wildwood
City of Williston
City of Winter Haven

Town

Town of Dundee
Town of Greenville
Town of Havana
Town of Haverhill
Town of Lake Hamilton
Town of Oakland
Town of Welaka

Village

Village of Indiantown

About the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) was established in 1985 as a nonprofit, public policy, research and educational institute.

The FBC-LEO creates a positive environment for disseminating, communicating and exchanging ideas and information among members to achieve more efficient and responsible local government administration within Florida's communities.

For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit fbcleo.org.

★ ESSAY COMPETITION

VFW Post 3911 2024-2025

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION GRADES 9-12 (VOICE OF DEMOCRACY)

2024-25 THEME: "IS AMERICA TODAY OUR FOREFATHERS' VISION?"

THIS IS THE 3-5 MINUTE AUDIO ESSAY. IT IS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, NOT JUST SENIORS.

THE NATIONAL FIRST-PLACE WINNER RECEIVES A **\$35,000 SCHOLARSHIP** PAID DIRECTLY TO THE RECIPIENT'S AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

A COMPLETE LIST OF OTHER NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS RANGE FROM \$1,000-\$2,100, AND THE FIRST-PLACE WINNER FROM EACH VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) WINS A MINIMUM SCHOLARSHIP OF \$2,500 AND AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

LOCAL AWARDS

\$500-1ST PLACE

\$400-2ND PLACE

\$300-3RD PLACE.

2023-24 WINNERS

1ST PLACE- SOMERSET ISLAND PREP

2ND PLACE- KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

3RD PLACE- CFK ACADEMY



Link to Fillable Form

Deadline: October 28, 2024