



# Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #11

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 30, 2023

## 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.*



**Congratulations  
to our 2023-24  
Homecoming  
Queen,  
Petra Dor!**

**All of the ladies  
on homecoming  
court were  
beautiful tonight  
and they all  
represent Conch**

**Pride in so many ways.  
Congratulations to all the  
ladies!**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS    NOVEMBER 2023**

November 1st— Early Release, dismissal is at 11:30am

November 8th— Picture Make ups & Retakes and Band/Choir/Steel Pan pictures in the auditorium

November 9th— Club Pictures in the gym and Fall/Winter Pictures in the Courtyard

November 10th— No School—Veterans Day

November 14th— Herff Jones will be taking orders for class rings and senior announcements during lunch and in the library from 4:00-6:00pm

November 15th— Herff Jones will be taking orders for class rings and senior announcements during lunch and in the library from 4:00-6:00pm

November 20th-24th— No School—Thanksgiving Break

## **KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Instagram— kwhs\_news

Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— @kwhsnews

Website— [www.keysschools.com/kwhs](http://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!**



Key West International Airport officials presented a \$5,000 sponsorship check for school programs. The sponsorship is part of the airport's community marketing program fostering goodwill throughout the Florida Keys with airport revenue funds. At Key West High School, the funds will be used year-round where there is a need or lack of funding, be it for student activities or sports programs. The Conchs are so appreciative for this generous donation!!



### SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Online Score Release</u>	<u>Format</u>
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	December 15, 2023	Paper
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	March 22—29, 2024	Digital
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	May 17—24, 2024	Digital
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	June 14—21, 2024	Digital



### ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Photo Upload Deadline</u>
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023	December 1, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024	February 2, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 31, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024	July 5, 2024





**KWHS Beta Club donated bags of candy to Wesley House! Pictured left to right-President Jada Franco, Secretary Siena Wardlow, Treasurer Briana Nodal, and Vice President Haylee Brogli.**

Ms. Shoemaker's Honors' students PAPA Squares used for a rhetorical analysis of Cesar Chavez's speech "Lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Students had to give examples and analysis of Chavez's use of ethos, pathos, logos, and imagery, as well as the purpose, audience, persona, and argument of the speech. The also had to include a precis/summary of argument and images that represent the speech.



Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:26	1
8:30 - 9:20	2
9:24 - 10:17	3
10:21 - 11:11	4
11:11 - 11:46	Lunch 1—Crimson (Bldgs 4, W/rm, Auto)
11:50 - 12:40	5 Crimson
11:15 - 12:05	5 Grey
12:05 - 12:40	Lunch 2—Grey (Bldgs 1,2 ,3 & Portables)
12:44 - 1:34	6
1:38 - 2:30	7

Wellness Wednesdays	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:22	1
8:26 - 9:12	2
9:16 - 10:05	3
10:05 - 10:35	30+
10:39 - 11:25	4
11:25 - 12:00	Lunch #1
12:04 - 12:50	5A
11:29 - 12:15	5B
12:15 - 12:50	Lunch #2
12:54 - 1:40	6
1:44 - 2:30	7

Final Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	Exam
9:10 - 9:51	Lunch
9:55 - 11:30	Exam

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:28	1
8:32 - 9:17	2
9:21 - 10:06	3
10:10 - 10:55	4
10:55 - 11:30	Lunch #1
11:34 - 12:19	5A
10:59 - 11:44	5B
11:44 - 12:19	Lunch #2
12:23 - 1:08	6
1:12 - 1:57	7
2:00 - 2:30	Pep Rally

Early Release Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:00	1
8:04 - 8:28	2
8:32 - 8:59	3
9:03 - 9:27	4
9:31 - 9:55	5
9:55 - 10:33	Lunch
10:37 - 11:01	6
11:05 - 11:30	7

7th Period Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	7th Exam
9:14 - 9:56	1
10:00 - 10:42	2
10:46 - 11:30	3
11:30 - 12:16	Lunch
12:20 - 12:58	4
1:02 - 1:44	5
1:48 - 2:30	6





## ASVAB TEST

**Monday, November 13th**

in KWHs Testing Lab

Bldg. 4-117

**8am - 11:30am**

### Designed to help students:

- Learn more about themselves and the world of work.
- Explore occupations in line with their interests and skills.

**The ASVAB** is not just a military entrance exam.

It tests a student's knowledge in eight areas: general science, mathematics, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, electronics information, auto and shop information, and mechanical comprehension.



Open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

**SIGN UP REQUIRED**

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

To Sign up, email or see  
**Mrs. Estenoz:**

[Lydia.Estenoz@keysschools.com](mailto:Lydia.Estenoz@keysschools.com)



**Key West High School**

### **SAC Meeting Dates—2023-2024**

**October 3rd**

**November 7th**

**December 5th**

**January 9th**

**February 6th**

**March 5th**

**April 2nd**



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library.



## Senior Links Worth Checking Out

### Bright Futures Course Table

\*Identify which courses meet BF eligibility



### Florida Bright Futures

#### Scholarship Program 2023-24

\*PDF view if Initial Eligibility Requirements



### Federal Student Aid | FAFSA

\*Complete the FAFSA Form through the U.S.  
Department of Education



### Key West High School

#### College & Career Planning

\*College & Career info from Mrs. Estenoz



### Florida SUS 2023-2024

#### Counselor Guide

\*Current details about the 12 FL universities



Boys—October 30th at 3:15

Girls—November 1st at 5:30

## Basketball Tryouts

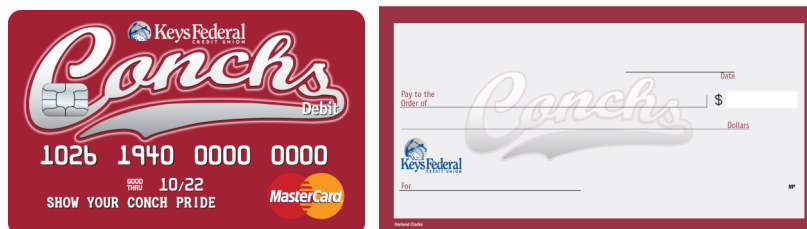


Bobby Menendez Gym

Bill Butler Court



# *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

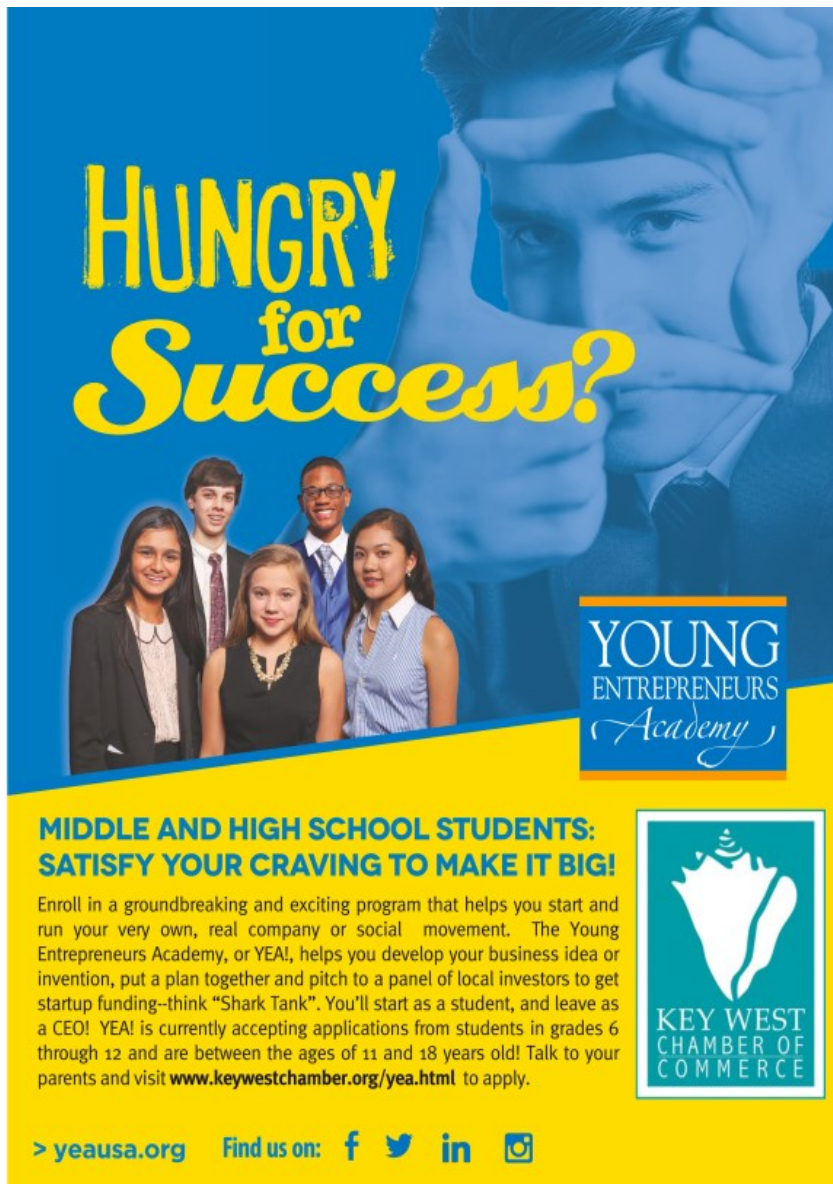
Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- 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.

## Info/Activities








**HUNGRY for Success?**

**YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Academy**

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: SATISFY YOUR CRAVING TO MAKE IT BIG!**

Enroll in a groundbreaking and exciting program that helps you start and run your very own, real company or social movement. The Young Entrepreneurs Academy, or YEA!, helps you develop your business idea or invention, put a plan together and pitch to a panel of local investors to get startup funding—think “Shark Tank”. You’ll start as a student, and leave as a CEO! YEA! is currently accepting applications from students in grades 6 through 12 and are between the ages of 11 and 18 years old! Talk to your parents and visit [www.keywestchamber.org/yea.html](http://www.keywestchamber.org/yea.html) to apply.

> [yeausa.org](http://yeausa.org) Find us on:    



The KWHS Book Club will be hosting a book fair at Books N Books on Saturday, December 2nd!!



**SCHEDULE A TIME**



TO MEET WITH YOUR

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

**YOU PICK THE TIME AND DAY.**



\*Counselors may be with other students during certain time periods, which could impact appointment availability.

KWHS School Counselors are now accepting student appointments. They may access the booking site via the QR code below and select their counselor and meeting type from a dropdown menu. This flyer has been posted throughout campus for ease of access. School counselors continue to be available for walk-ins before and after school, as well as during student lunches.

Please be mindful of unforeseen circumstances that may require appointments to be rescheduled, which will be communicated with as much notice as possible.



## Info/Activities



FCAA staff was on campus at Key West High School yesterday, interviewing applicants for their Apprenticeship Program. Through the M.O.V.E. Program Yanelys Ballard, Assistant Principal of KWHS and Caroline Bleske, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, have made this opportunity a reality for the students of Monroe County. What a great opportunity for our students!!



Congratulations to Mrs. Moore & Mrs. Nicklaus for Completing their Masters Degree in School Counseling.



Thank you Chris, Carla and Caleb Sloan, and their company 2C Creative for sending two of Ed Smith's KWHS AV students (Valeria Juárez &

William Forster) to London to assist in keeping our community updated via livestream and to create a video documentary on the KWHS Band's London experience!



## Academics

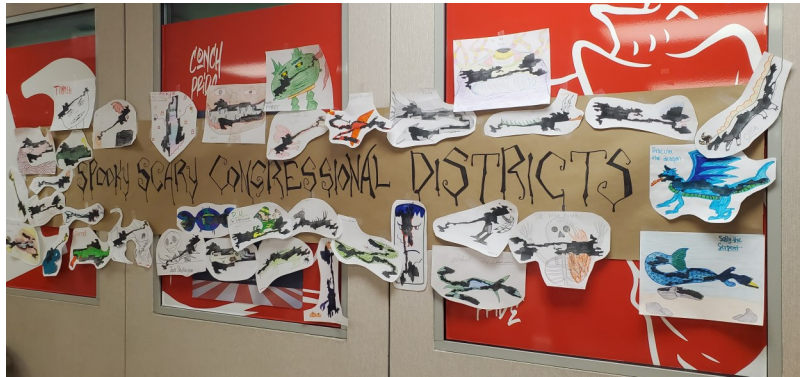
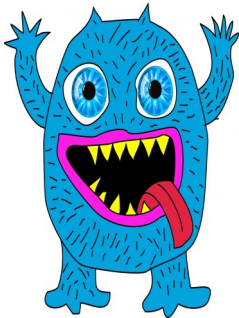
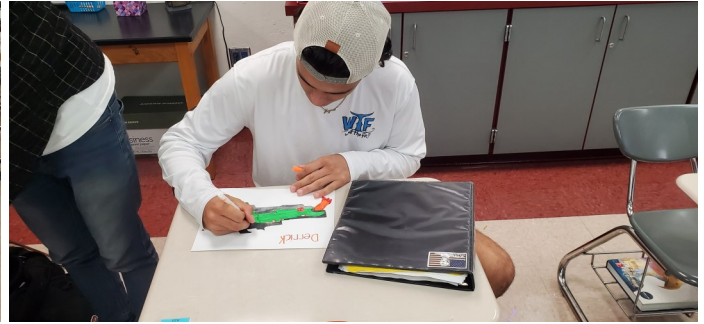
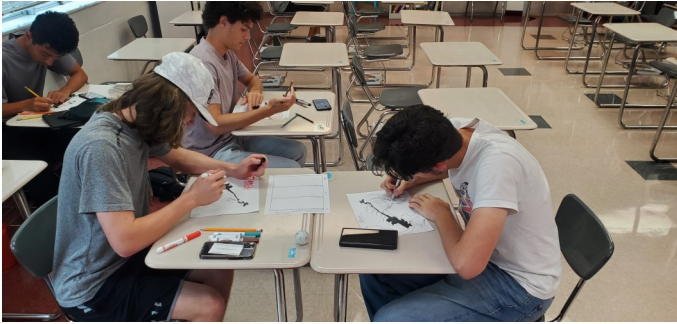
Ms. Shoemaker's World Literature students took a field trip to the Miami Holocaust Memorial. Bringing literature/our curriculum to life is such an important educational piece. They also got to hear from Holocaust survivor Saul Blau who was sent to Auschwitz at 13 years old. Amazing trip for a great group of students!



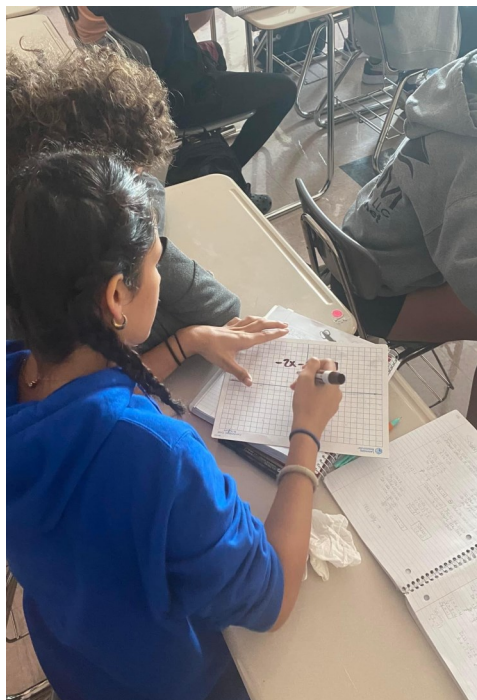
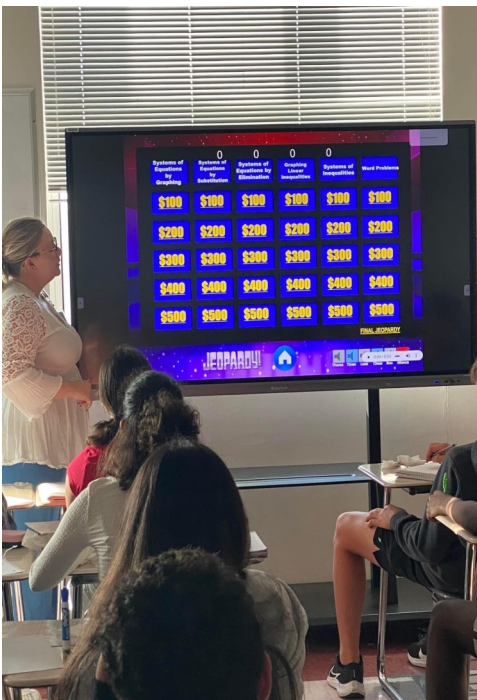
The KWHS Culinary Conchs worked very hard making key lime cookies for our local festival, Goombay!!



## Academics



Mrs. Mercer's students had a Monster Monday.... after learning about Congress and Gerrymandering last week, they decided to have some fun with the most gerrymandered districts in the US and turn them into GerryMonsters!



Mrs. Hutman's Algebra 1 Honors class playing Jeopardy and using white boards to review all the ways to solve system of equations.



# Activites

2023-2024

## Homecoming Week Festivities

GO CONCHS!!!





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2023-2024

## Homecoming Court Festivities

GO CONCHS!!!



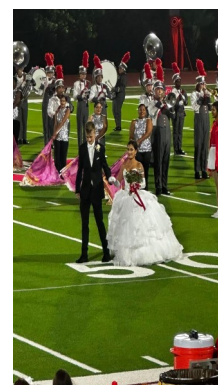
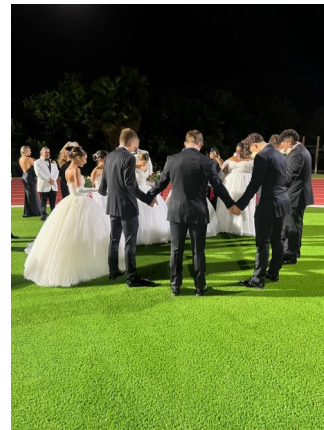


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2023-2024

## Homecoming Court Ceremony

GO CONCHS!!!





## Information



Congratulations to our Marching Conchs on their \*Overall Superior\* rating at last weekend's Music Performance Assessment at Palm Beach Central High School. The marching band performed their "Hits Across The Pond" set, the same songs they will perform in London during the 2024 London's New Year's Day Parade. Job well done!



### Important Dates for KWHS students!

If you have any questions about these dates, please email  
[Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com](mailto:Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com)



- ◇ **November 6th**— Herff Jones will be presenting class ring information to Juniors during 4th period, and senior announcements information to Seniors during 3rd period in the auditorium
- ◇ **November 8th**— Herff Jones will be here for make up pictures/retakes for all students. There will be a \$15.00 retake fee. If a student needs a make up picture, they are already signed up. If a student wants a retake, they will need to email [Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com](mailto:Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com) to request a retake. All pictures will be taken in the auditorium. Mrs. Saunders will send out emails to all make up and retake students giving them their appointment time. Please tell students to check their emails at the beginning of November. Performance Groups will be taking their pictures also.
- ◇ **November 9th**— Herff Jones will be here to take Club Pictures in the gym. They will also take sports pictures in the courtyard for Fall and Winter sports.
- ◇ **November 14th & 15th**— Herff Jones will be on campus during the lunch shifts to take orders for class rings and senior announcements. They will also be taking orders in the library on both days from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

## Athletics



The Fighting Conchs won against Gateway!!! It was also on Homecoming Night!! Great Job!!!



KWHS Swim competed at Regionals last Saturday!!



KWHS Golf competed at Districts last Monday!



# KEY WEST CONCHS



## Activities

**STAY INVOLVED!!!**

## SENIORS

- Senior Class of 2024 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Daniella Barroso  
Vice President— Monaya Carey  
Secretary— Siena Wardlow  
Treasurer— Scarlet Niles  
Historian— Yani Nodal

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Carnetra Carey

## 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— Monaya Carey  
Vice President— Daniella Barroso  
Secretary— Siena Wardlow  
Treasurer— Brooke Biskupich  
Historian— Yani Nodal

Student Council sponsor: Ayesha Osborne

**#CONCHSTRONG!!**

## JUNIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Junior is welcome to join!

President— Deanna Mercier  
Vice President— Skye Sterling  
Secretary— Haylee Brogli  
Treasurer— Jada Franco  
Historian— Peyton Zubieta

Class sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

## SOPHOMORES

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Sophomore is welcome to join!

President— Jake Ferguson  
Vice President— Whitney Nervilus  
Secretary— Ava Rivera  
Treasurer— Chloe Blackwell  
Historian— Audrey Smith

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

## FRESHMEN

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Freshmen is welcome to join!

President— Jordan Greene  
Vice President— Victoria Gray  
Secretary— Lily Smith  
Treasurer— Josephine Clapp  
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class sponsor: Ms. Melissa Hargis

# PROJECT SUCCESS



## PREVENTION KWHS CONCHS

Project Success  
Counselor—  
Shain Cormack  
Room 1-109

Parent Sign up—  
[Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com](mailto:Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com)

Upcoming Dates:

### Project Success

A Partnership Program with KWHS

An evidence-based, school-based intervention focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and other related high-risk behaviors among high-risk middle school and high school aged youth.

#### How youth succeed:

- ◆ Exploring positive coping skills
- ◆ Teaching students refusal skills
- ◆ Promoting healthy dynamics
- ◆ Providing tools for anger management
- ◆ Raising alcohol and other drugs perception of harm

#### The Format Includes:

- ◆ 7th and 9th grade prevention education series within the classrooms
- ◆ Individual sessions (6)—45 minute sessions
- ◆ Referral services for Therapy and Intervention Counseling with Guidance Care Center

Please see the Online  
Prevention for Teens  
located at the back of  
this newsletter!!







# Community Day



## 2023

THE COLLEGE OF THE  
FLORIDA KEYS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 10 AM - 2 PM**  
**CFK KEY WEST CAMPUS**

**Live entertainment | Children's activities**  
**Food & drinks | Academic showcases**  
**Salute to Veterans | FREE t-shirts**





EDUCATIONAL  
TOURS

# Will you join us in Italy & Spain?

Summer 2024

## Interested?

Check out our tour enrollment page (a.k.a. home base) to enroll or to find even more information like our detailed itinerary, everything that's included, FAQs and more:

[eftours.com/2603120TT](https://eftours.com/2603120TT)

Or use your smartphone to scan the  
QR code:



**Enrollment deadline:** October 6, 2023

**Spots available:** 10

**Questions?** Call EF's Traveler Support Team at  
800-665-5364

**Enroll by October 6 for \$100 off!**



# THE “NO SWEAT” SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500

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- Use for any educational need.

Cirkled In is the award-winning, secure, FREE platform for students to create an electronic portfolio showcasing their holistic skills and achievements. Get discovered by colleges and increase your success rate for all applications –from internships to summer jobs and more.

### How to Apply

- Create a FREE account on [www.cirkledin.com](http://www.cirkledin.com).
- Click the “Apply Now” button.

**Apply by December 31st**

(Notification by February 15, 2024)



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### La beca del Cirkled In

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- 2,500 dólares de premio-se puede utilizar inmediatamente después de recibirlo.
- Utilizar para cualquier necesidad educativa.

Cirkled In es la premiada y segura plataforma libre en la que los estudiantes crean un portafolio electrónico mostrando sus habilidades holísticas y logros. Sé descubierto por los colegios que usan la plataforma y aumenta la probabilidad de éxito para todas las aplicaciones, desde práctica sa trabajos de verano y mucho más.

### Cómo aplicar

- Cree una cuenta gratuita en [www.cirkledin.com](https://www.cirkledin.com).
- Haga clic en el botón “Solicitar ahora”.

**Aplicar antes del 31 de diciembre**

(Notificación antes del 15 de febrero de 2024)



Aplicar en: <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships>



# KEY DEER ART CONTEST

Starting this year, National Key Deer Refuge is hosting a Key Deer Art Contest to provide students the opportunity to use art to reflect the importance of conservation.

## Why?

The Key Deer Art Contest is an opportunity to learn about where art and nature meet, further develop artistic skills, and experience using art to highlight the importance of conservation.

## How to Enter

- Learn about Key deer by observation and research.
- Get creative, you can draw buck, doe, fawn, or any combination!
- Winner may be featured at the 8th Annual Run with Deer 5k, so think about how it will look on a t-shirt.

## Important Dates

- The Contest begins now!
- Art must be submitted to your teacher or group leader by November 11th.
- Winners will be announced December 8th. Winning art may be used promotional materials and featured on the 8th Annual Run with Deer 5k Walk and Run.

## Requirements

- 8.5"x 11" paper.
- On the back, write Student name, teacher or group leader name, and school or location of entry. Please do not sign front of art.
- No brand names in the art.
- **BLACK AND WHITE ONLY.**

## Top 3 Winners

Will be featured in the Nature Center and honored with prize at the Run with Deer 5k Walk and Run on February 17th, 2024

## Overall Winner

Will be featured on the Florida Keys Wildlife Society's Facebook and newsletter. Art may be used on promotional materials and Run with Deer 5k t-shirt!