Class of 2020 Senior Recognitions

You have accomplished so much during your years at Key West High School and though this is not the way we thought it would be, we will celebrate you in every way possible.

Here are some of the plans:

KWHS Yard signs for each senior - Delivered

Possible City of Key West Recognition - Senior Picture Banner that will wrap around the ball field fencing along North Roosevelt and Kennedy Drive the week of graduation. The individual pictures will be delivered to the students when they pick up their diploma.

Grad Pic Photo station - The Conch shell in front of the school will be set up with the 2020 sign from May 22-29 for students to take pictures in their cap and gowns. Families should wait in their cars if they arrive and another family is at the Conch shell to allow for appropriate social distancing. There is nothing to touch, however, the site will be cleaned regularly.

Shout out requests - We are contacting local businesses that have marquee’s from Big Pine south and asking that they put up messages of Congratulations and Good Luck during graduation week.

Prom - Postponed - Seeking to secure a date in June TBA

Cap and Gown Pick Up - May 22, 9:00-2:00 - Cap and Gown pick up will be done using the front and side loops. A grab and go method will be used with appropriate protocols for handling. Students will remain in the cars, drive through and their cap and gown, along with any special regalia and pins awarded, will be handed to them. If a student is unable to pick up their gown, please contact Stacy Saunders at Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com and we will ensure your items get to you.

Recognition Ceremonies

May 22 - Senior Investitures/Banquet, 6:00 - A virtual presentation will be pushed out through our Facebook page and Website with a Youtube link for viewing at 6:00 p.m. We encourage students to gather with their families, wear their gown with cap off and participate virtually as we announce our Valedictorian and Salutatorian, hear from our Student Council President, Gracie Wood and recognize those receiving cum laud honors as well as NHS, Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Zonta, Interact and Student Council regalia. Principal Acevedo will vest candidates for graduation and you can don your cap and celebrate with your family. Major Senior Banquet awards will be announced as well as a listing of all students receiving special pins. The link will remain active for later viewing by family and friends.
May 24 - **Baccalaureate Services** - Though not a school sponsored event, local churches (5th Street Baptist, St. Mary Star of the Sea Basilica) will be recognizing seniors. Viewing information forthcoming.

May 27 - **Class Night, 6:00** - Class President Jazlyn Yarbrough will give her address to the class and recognize the senior superlatives. The administration team, on behalf of all of our scholarship sponsors, will announce the recipients of the scholarships. We remind students that some awards are given even though they aren’t applied for, so gather with your family and celebrate your classmates in this special ceremony. A listing of scholarships, sponsors and the order they will be announced will be posted previously so seniors can follow the program as they view. We appreciate the community for their support in ensuring our students receive the recognition and financial support for their outstanding efforts.

May 29 - **Graduation, 8:00** - This virtual graduation will be the ceremony that commences the academic career of our seniors and earns them the title of graduate of Key West High School. Though we can’t gather together, please make plans to view the ceremony with your family and truly celebrate your accomplishments. **Plans for a live graduation when allowable by state and local governments are in the works**, but we don’t want to let this date pass by. The virtual ceremony will include comments from Principal Acevedo, Superintendent Porter, and your valedictorian and salutatorian. We will recognize all seniors that have earned their diploma utilizing yearbook pictures and some senior year highlights. The formal pronouncing of all seniors as graduates will take place and you can turn your tassels and throw your caps in the air to celebrate. The ceremony will remain available for family and friends to view at a later time.

June 1 and 2 - **Diploma pick up**: Students will be given approximate time slots (alphabetically) to pick up diplomas using the grab and go method in the front loop with protocols for transfer in place.

**Live graduation - Date TBD based on local and state government protocols**

*All things are subject to change based on the COVID19 protocols as well as state and local government regulations.

As we move into the month of May, we encourage seniors to finish their coursework in a strong way and connect to their teachers and counselor if there are issues that require assistance. If there are questions regarding events, contact Stacy Saunders; scholarships, contact Lydia Estenoz; academics, contact Wanda Spencer; other issues and concerns, Amber Acevedo.*