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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.



KWHS Graduation is tonight at Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium. The gates will open at 7:00pm. Please do not bring balloons into the stadium as they pose a threat to the power lines and an interruption to the ceremony.

Thank you and
Congratulations to the
Class of 2025!!

KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

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Athletics & Student Activities

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Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs



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

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Senior Exams

MAY 16TH

**4TH
PERIOD**

MAY 19TH

**3RD & 5TH
PERIOD**

MAY 20TH

**2ND & 6TH
PERIOD**

MAY 21ST

**1ST & 7TH
PERIOD**

Underclassmen Exams

MAY 27TH

**2ND
PERIOD**

MAY 28TH

**3RD & 4TH
PERIOD**

MAY 29TH

**5TH & 6TH
PERIOD**

MAY 30TH

**1ST & 7TH
PERIOD**

May 28th, 29th, & 30th are Early Release Days - Students are dismissed at 11:30.



Key West High School Class of 2025 Valedictorian - Mr. Matthew Robertson. With a remarkable recalculated GPA of 4.701, Matthew is the highest-ranked graduate in the Class of 2025. His academic performance is a testament to dedication, commitment and his special gifting as a true scholar. Matthew has taken a combination of 16 Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes and is especially drawn to advanced math and computer science courses. Our Valedictorian is an all-around impressive individual who has earned numerous honors including being named an AP Scholar with Distinction, Conch Pride Scholar of the Year and is the recipient of College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Award and is a National Merit Scholar Finalist, placing among the top 1% of test takers nationwide. This individual has excelled in high-level science and computer classes, yet his favorite subject is world history for his love of learning about other civilizations and forgotten heroes. In addition to academics, our Valedictorian stepped into leadership roles both on and off campus as Command Master Chief for NJROTC, Captain of the Academic Challenge Team and through NHS where he has tutored underclassmen at the Keys Learning Center. Additionally, Matthew has participated in the Swim Team, the Track Team, Mu Alpha Theta and remarkably has managed to serve over 1,000 hours of community service. He made lasting positive impacts in our school and community by instilling confidence and value in everything he does and everyone he helps. Through his tutoring, countless struggling students had breakthroughs in understanding and proficiency in math and science subjects. Our Valedictorian has demonstrated top personal qualities such as kindness, fairness and humility. Though he is not one to toot his own horn so to speak, he can't help but stand out and his accolades speak volumes: A Florida's Boys State Delegate; An AP Scholar with Distinction; A 2x Winner of the Conch Pride Award and an American Red Cross Certified Life Guard and has three times placed at the Academic Challenge State Competitions.

Key West High School Class of 2025 Salutatorian - Ms. Neslihan "Neslo" Atilla. With a remarkable weighted cumulative GPA of 4.667 Neslo is the 2nd highest-ranked graduate in the Class of 2025. Her academic performance is a testament to her dedication, commitment, and exceptional intellect. Despite excelling in academic achievements, she has remained grounded and humble, demonstrating kindness, fair-mindedness and an eagerness to continue learning more and more each day. Neslo embodies the qualities of a true scholar, a thoughtful leader with a competitive spirit whether in the classroom, the community, on the sports field or at State competitions. Neslo's personal investment in academics, athletics, and leadership have earned her the admiration of classmates, counselors and teachers alike. While the standard requirement for graduation is 24 credits, this graduate has attempted and earned an unprecedented 43.5 credits in high school. Making this achievement even more impressive is the fact that more than half of those credits are comprised of 14 Advanced Placement classes and 10 Dual Enrollment courses, which helped to earn her the distinction of National AP Scholar. In addition to her academic achievements, Neslo has represented Key West High on several prestigious platforms, including serving as a delegate at Florida's State Leadership program, and being recognized as a Sunshine State Scholar. She has won both school and district titles, as well as shining in the national spotlight as a Commended National Merit Scholar. Our talented yet humble salutatorian is a natural leader, demonstrating intelligence and achievement, along with consistent respect for others, quiet confidence, and a calm demeanor. She has volunteered with the National Honor Society, the ASPCA, Wesley House Family Services and the Music Room, setting up musical concerts, fundraising and serving at school events such as graduations and investitures. A listener, a friend, a voice, and an intellectual force of this generation, Neslo is known as a reliable leader who will step up when needed and give her best shot whether in Mock Trial, Mu Alpha Theta, the Band, on the Track Team or earning a 1st degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. While she does not seek the limelight, they naturally shine by demonstrating a strong work ethic and consistently achieving the highest marks. We celebrate a scholar, athlete, musician, leader and friend. Upon graduation, she will follow her passion for political science, literature and constitutional law at Yale University. We look forward to one day reading her appellate briefs and published writings. We will beam with pride that she is one of our own Conch graduates from our little hometown of Key West.



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

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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

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

Class sponsor: Miss Miranda Acevedo