

# Band Room Mission & Vision

Presented by the Frederick Douglass School Black Educators Memorial Project

November 7, 2019 BVRAC Meeting

# FDSBEMP

## WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO

- Conceived by 2 members of the Frederick Douglass School class of 1959, the FDSBEMP was organized initially, to erect a public memorial to give credit to the men and women, The Black Educators of Frederick Douglass School, from 1871-1965, who shared their diverse backgrounds with their students.

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- The Memorial Project is a community building model and is used as a provocation to engender community pride and to provide opportunities for the Key West community, the remaining members of the indigenous people of Bahama Village and surrounding areas, and those descendants who live in other cities, states, and countries, to invest in preserving the indigenous culture and traditions of their African/Bahamian/Spanish/Cuban/Chinese American heritage.

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- We represent these black educators of Douglass School that brought with them cultural, political, and social views and values that added dimension to the academic skills they brought as educators, as well, almost 100 years ago, to the students of Frederick Douglass School.

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- Our goal is to ensure that the culture and traditions of the indigenous people of Bahama village and surrounding areas are preserved and enhanced. We do this through community collaboration, events, projects, and activities so that the people of Key West and island visitors will have meaningful and life enhancing experiences that will make our community a wonderful place for all.

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## WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

- **Annual Programs**
- The Sacred Circle of Elders Honoring Event
- The Venora P. Mingo Family Festival of Reading
- The Spaces, Places and Me Spring & Summer Peace Camps
- We are proud to share that all programs have been funded through private donations, volunteerism, and with a partnership with the Monroe County Health Department.