



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: Alyson Crean
Public Information Officer

Subject: **Key West Ambassadors Academy Class #43 Graduation**

Introduction

Class #43 of the Key West Ambassadors Academy has completed 12 sessions and are now being graduated, becoming Ambassadors for the City of Key West.

Background

The Key West Ambassadors Academy has completed its in-depth look at City government. They join the nearly 700 citizens who now have a better insight to the workings of the City of Key West. Each class of the Key West Ambassadors Academy has been a special blend of dedicated, involved citizens.

Three current city leaders – Mayor Danise “Deedee” Henriquez, and Commissioners Sam Kaufman and Lissette Carey – were elected after finishing this program. Other alumni have served as commissioners as well as sitting on a variety of other City boards.

The Key West Ambassadors Academy was established in 2003 by then City Manager Julio Avel.

This group of distinguished citizens will be represented by their Class Captain, Jeff Whipple, who would like to make a brief statement on behalf of the entire class.