




## MEMORANDUM

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Date: October 12, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress   
City Manager

From: Alyson Crean  
Public Information Officer

Subject: **Key West Ambassadors Academy Class #39 Graduation**

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### **Introduction**

Class #39 of the Key West Ambassadors Academy has completed 13 sessions and are now graduating, 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 more than 600 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 -- Commissioners Clayton Lopez, Sam Kauffman, and Lissette Cuervo 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, Joanne Garzarella, who would like to make a brief statement on behalf of the entire class.