



**THE COLLEGE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS**  
**Memorandum**

**DATE:** October 16, 2024  
**TO:** District Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Monekka Munroe, Ed.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs  
**DEPARTMENT:** Academic Affairs  
**SUBJECT:** Division Report – Monekka Munroe, Ed.D.

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**Marine Science and Technology Division**

**Aquaculture Learning Lab**

The Aquaculture Learning Lab is pleased to welcome Mr. Widell as CFK's new Science Lab Technician, Marine Science. Mr. Widell is a graduate of the Associate in Science Marine Environmental Technology. He is also currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Marine Resource Management (BS-MRM).

**Marine Resource Management**

BS-MRM student Samantha Cruz has started her capstone experience working with Melody Tuschel, the Recycling and Outreach coordinator for Monroe County. Ms. Cruz is undertaking projects associated with marine debris and county-wide recycling efforts.

Through BS-MRM faculty member Dr. Semcheski's service on the Key West Sustainability Advisory Board, MRM students can now complete capstone projects with City of Key West Sustainability Coordinator Alison Higgins.

**Arts and Hospitality Division**

CFK Poetics hosted Kim Addonizio in the Tennessee Williams Theatre on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Kim Addonizio is an acclaimed American poet, novelist, and short story writer known for her direct and emotionally charged writing. Her notable works include collections like *Tell Me* (2000), which was a finalist for the National Book Award, and *My Black Angel* (2014), a collaboration with artist Charles D. Jones. She is also known for her novel *Little Beauties* (2005), and her widely used writing guide, *Ordinary Genius* (2009). At the CFK Poetic event, Addonizio read from her most recent book and was accompanied for part



of the reading by Grammy-award-winning musician Danny Caron. Addonizio engaged with the audience for questions after the reading.



Dr. Emily Schulten Weekley had a very busy start to the semester. Her third book, *Easy Victims to the Charitable Deceptions of Nostalgia*, was released from White Pine Press on September 17<sup>th</sup>. She was a speaker at the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Petaluma Poetry Walk on September 21st in Petaluma, California, and she was a featured author for the 2024 Decatur Book Festival in Decatur, Georgia, where Weekley spoke as part of a panel at the Emory Poetry Stage. Additionally, Dr. Weekley was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Beullah Rose Poetry Prize.



Dr. Weekley with young aspiring

As part of Seawall Society, Dr. Weekley's project as poet laureate with support from the Academy of American Poets and the Mellon Foundation, Dr. Weekley is hosting a series of workshops for kids in Key West. The first of these occurred at the Key West Lighthouse on September 7<sup>th</sup> and was taught by Dr. Weekley. The second



Dr. Allen with young aspiring poets.

workshop was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Fort East Martello and was taught by English faculty member Dr. April Allen. Weekley's grant includes support from community partner The Key West Art & Historical Society.

## Sciences & Nursing Division

### **Fall 23-24 Graduate NCLEX Passage - ASN**

Graduates from the Spring 24 ASN Cohort were granted access to begin testing in the second half of June; as of 10/14/24, 19 of the 20 Spring & Summer 2024 graduates, 95% (19/20), have successfully been licensed as RNs. Students have up to a year to take the exam. Since the beginning of the 2024 testing year, Quarter 1 Passage Rates were at 96%, and Quarter 2 Passage Rates were at 100%.

### **Nursing Admissions**

- **ASN:** 44 Completed Applications were received, and 27 were interviewed in the first round. There are 69 applicants to review for the second round. Applicants have until October 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered for Spring 2025 admissions.

### **Nursing Faculty**

Applications are open for one full-time position in the Upper Keys and one full-time position in Key West. However, nurses in the community are highly encouraged to apply for adjunct positions for Spring 25.

### **Institute For Public Safety**

Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be auditing course files, equipment, and training center for recertification October 16-18, 2024.

**Key West** – Basic Law Enforcement Academy #90 graduated 18 recruits, and all have secured employment with Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Key West Police Department.



BLE 90 Academy

### **Emergency Management Services (EMS) Division**

#### **Program Development**

The Paramedic I and II cohort will be for the first time using Baptist Health Systems and Advance Urgent Care (Upper, Middle, and Lower Keys) for their clinical rotations. Also adult, child, and infant airway manikins were added to the EMS program, for students to practice proper intubation techniques and assessments.

#### **Community Outreach**

The EMS program will be attending the 10th Annual Community Day on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Key West location, where we will be exhibiting the Sim Rig along with information on our upcoming Paramedic and EMT cohorts.



## Learning Resource Center

In September, Director, LRC Neihouse provided three database instruction presentations for English Composition (ENC 1101), and four presentations for Student Success (SLS 1101) classes. Assistant Director, LRC, Gonzalez provided database instruction for American History (AMH 2020) and National Government (POS 1041) courses.

Coordinator, Developmental Education, Gaitan and Tutor, Leach worked with several students in the second year of the Project Access program during their Academic Support Study Session on Mondays at 1:00. This will be a recurring service.

Academic Support Services Specialist, Kenna, created a display focusing on banned books for the month of September, culminating with the American Library Association's Banned Books Week, September 22-28, 2024.



Students used Brainfuse Online Tutoring for 25 sessions of live tutoring, and submitted 80 papers to the online Writing Lab.