Local Student Shares Stage with **Alonzo Mourning**

Students, Mentors, Staff, and Monroe County Education Foundation (MCEF) board members recently traveled North. Their destination was Ocean Reef, their purpose was to attend the Florida Keys Children's Foundation luncheon at the Ocean Reef Town Hall. Anamaria Penagos, a senior Take Stock in Children scholar at Coral Shores High School, had the privilege of addressing the over 500 attendees. Penagos spoke about her dreams and aspirations as she completes the Take Stock program, graduates from high school, and begins her post-secondary education. Ms.

Penagos shared the podium with Featured Speaker, Alonzo Mourning, noted basketball star of the Miami Heat and South Florida philanthropist. Penagos expressed her thanks to the Take Stock Program, Margie Smith (her mentor) and the members of the Florida Keys Children's Foundation for their support in making her future possible.

Penagos hopes to study genetics and pursue a future in medicine. She is a strong representative of the Take Stock mission to support academic success, high personal goals and college achievements.



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Dreaver Family Transforms Tropical Arts & Crafts

The Dreaver family is at it again.. You may know the Dreaver family as the owners and operators of the Key Largo

Conch House restaurant for over six years. Now their son Jon Dreaver and his wife Joanna and her sister Fannoula are starting a new business in the Tradewinds Plaza by Publix. The trio is

transforming the previously owned Tropical Arts & Crafts store into an "artist haven" for all levels of artists and

The Key Largo Conch House is known for its tradition of working with and being a part of the community and the Dreaver's intend to continue that tradition with this little aem of a store.

Jon, Joanna and Fannoula

are hoping that you never have to make the trek North to Micheals or Joanne's Fabrics again. They are working hard to maximize the inventory of their modest store front and have

begun taking requests and special orders for those who are interested in product they cannot find on the walls. This little

> store is a much-needed great addition to the Artisan community of the Florida Keys. They are celebrating their grand opening the first week of the month providing catered coffee & refreshments from the Conch House. Also they will be conducting their first craft class for children and adults making Valentine's Day crafts on Sunday, February 6 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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