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## TAKE STOCK SENIORS READY FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER



Crystal Hernandez-Correra, CSHS TSIC Senior

KEY WEST, FL, May 5, 2022 – The Take Stock in Children program of Monroe County is proud to announce the graduation of fifty-eight scholars later this month. The TSIC Class of 2022 represents 10% of the entire Class of 2022 graduating from Monroe County schools. That's an impressive number! The sixty TSIC scholars are leaving high school with a collective average GPA of 3.661 which is 10% higher than the average GPA of the district's class of 2022. Again, an impressive statistic!

Over sixty percent of the Take Stock graduates will enroll directly in a 4-year university, 36% will begin their studies at a Florida college or at a career technical college. Our Take Stock scholars received acceptance letters from several of the very competitive state universities, and two received acceptances to competitive private and out-of-state schools, UCLA and University of Miami.

The 58 graduating Take Stock scholars endured a very challenging high school experience. COVID derailed their sophomore year and their junior year was a unique blend of in-person and online instruction. Our scholars experienced a more traditional senior year; however, the impact and lingering effects of COVID persisted. We are very proud of our graduates and applaud their perseverance and determination.

On Saturday, May 21 at 11:30am in the Marathon High School auditorium we will have our 22<sup>nd</sup> Take Stock in Children graduation event. This is a joyous celebration during which mentors proudly escort their mentees on stage before the scholars receive their Take Stock medallions and scholarship certificates. All are welcome to attend and cheer our 2022 Take Stock scholars!

Congratulations to the Take Stock Monroe Class of 2022!

Take Stock in Children is the flagship program of the Monroe County Education Foundation. Nearly 800 scholarships have been granted to Monroe County students since 2000. More than 90% of those students have earned a college degree or career certificate, well above the national average.

For additional information visit <u>www.monroecountyedfound.com</u> or contact the Take Stock in Children office at 305-293-1546.

## Take Stock in Children Monroe 22nd Annual Graduation Event

The Monroe County Education Foundation cordially invites you to recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2022

Saturday, May 21, 2022 11:30 a.m. Processional Marathon High School Auditorium 350 Sombrero Beach Road (mm50)

Reception following the ceremony





