

2023 USAS Student Subunit Annual Report
College of the Florida Keys Aquaculture Society
5901 College rd Key West, FL

I. Membership

a. Number of Members: 17

b. Officers (names and emails)

President: Daniel Widell

Vice President: Tiffany Clavijo

Secretary: Hannah Stoneman

Treasurer: Kaitlyn Stumbar

Advisor: Jessie Appelhans

Other (specify):

c. Subunits Recommendation for the \$270 Student Early Bird Registration Travel Award to Aquaculture America¹

a. Daniel Widell, Graduating 2025, Bachelors of science Marine Resource Management .

b. Daniel Widell has proudly served as the Clubs President for the last 4 semesters and is dedicated to helping the lab. He has shown passion and dedication for aquaculture through his time in the College of the Florida Keys Aquaculture Society. Daniel has worked on various projects and making for a well rounded aquaculturist and role model.

ci. Chapter Activities and Events

Club rush 2x per year

MACNA 2024

Sugarloaf Science Night 2023

Community Day 1x per fiscal year

Mote Ocean Fest Key West

Women On the Water 2023- 2 people

Tuga Palooza

Aquaculture America 2023-3 people

Campus Clean up- 5 people

Coral Fragging Workshop- 10 people

Maintain Reef Relief Tank- 3 people

III. Chapter Changes from previous year (if applicable)

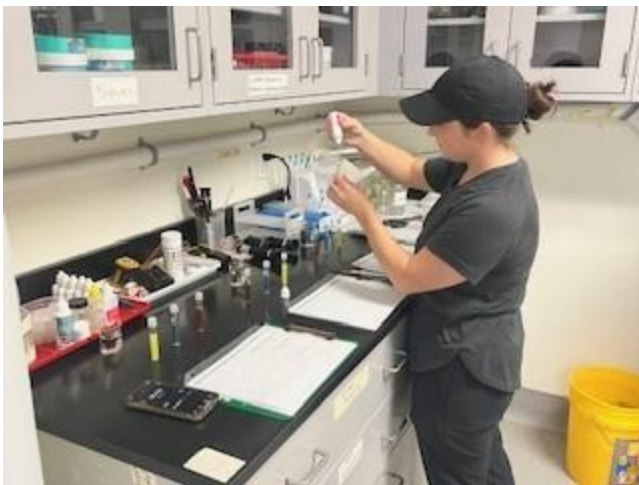
¹ From the [USAS Procedures and Policies](#): "Each subunit will select one (1) student based on merit. Travel award recipients will be selected by the subunit. Each subunit may develop its own selection criteria but we suggest that priority be given to the following: 1. Is the student presenting or bringing a poster? 2. Does the student have other travel funds available? 3. Has the student contributed to the subunit and/or USAS overall (i.e., subunit officer, activities etc.)? 4. Has the student previously received funds from USAS? 5. In addition, subunits may elect to use an abstract competition."

Club number of members slightly increased from 15-17 active members. There have been more fundraising opportunities including the first ever clownfish cookie bake sale. Members have also replaced the heart of the lab, the seawater pump for bringing in our saltwater.

IV. Chapter Struggles/Concerns or areas for improvement

As the College of the Florida Keys has only recently grown from our standing as a community college, many students are only campus residents for 2 years before leaving the college. Most interested students do not join the club until they are comfortable with balancing social stimulus and class load – which is usually in their second year. To combat high turnover for our members, the Marine Resource Management bachelor's program will add another two years to marine science students' residency and will grant these students extended opportunities to become active club members.

V. Photos



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- VII. Updated Bylaws (if applicable)