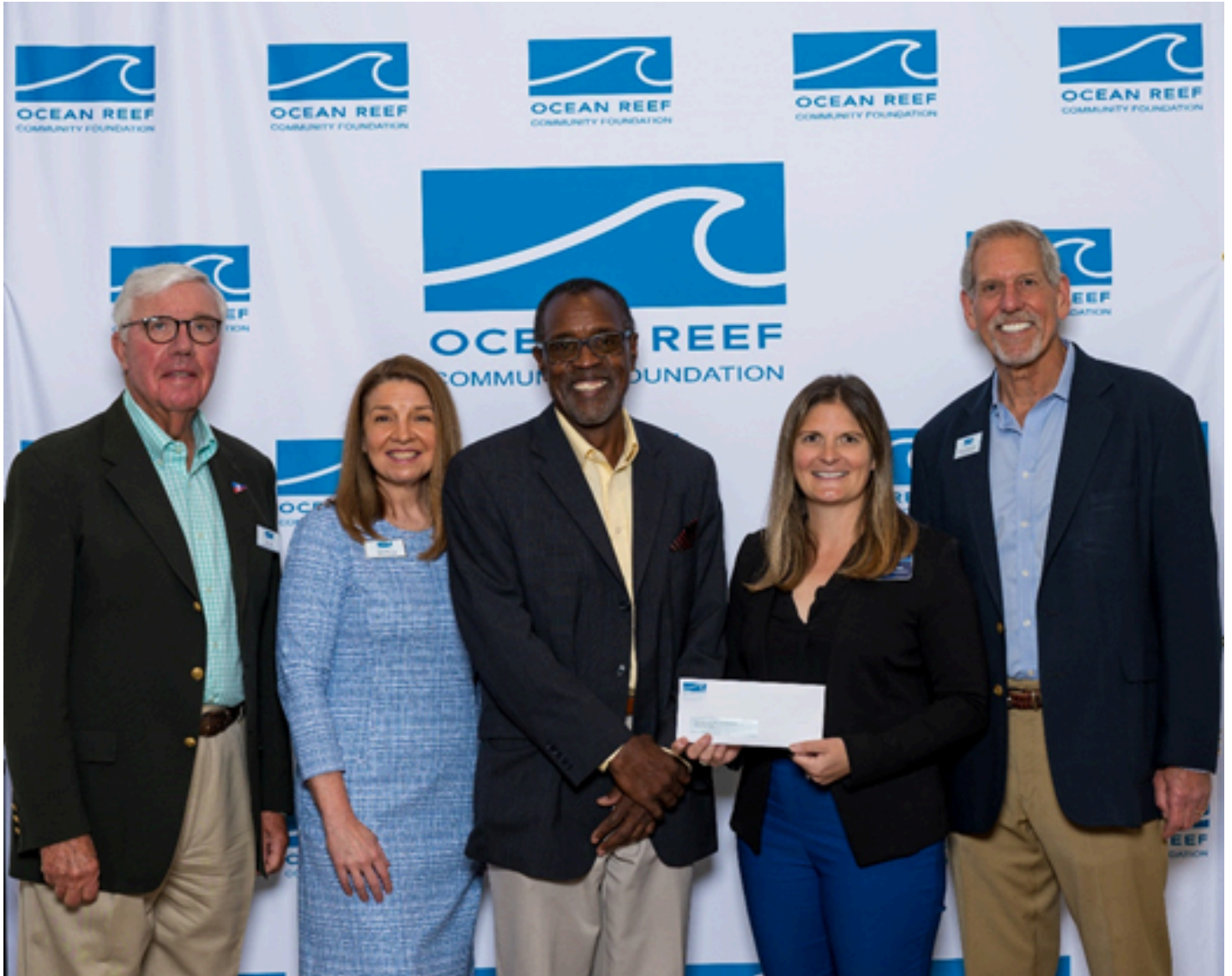


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Ocean Reef Foundation gives \$100K to CFK

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From left, ORCF Chairman and CEO William J. Nutt, ORCF Executive Director Yurianna Mikolay, CFK President Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, CFK Vice President of Advancement Lana Gaspari, and CFK Trustee and ORCF President and COO Richard Weinstein accept the foundation's donation.

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The College of the Florida Keys Foundation recently received \$100,000 from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) to fund the ORCF Building Bridges Scholarship.

This financial aid opportunity is available exclusively to students attending the college's Upper Keys Center, starting this upcoming fall semester. Designed as a "last dollar" scholarship, it covers remaining expenses after federal, state and other aid are disbursed. Funds can be applied to tuition, lab fees and certain course-required expenses. Priority consideration will be given to students pursuing credentials in career technical education and professional skills programs.

"The goal for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation is to uncover opportunities that allow residents in the Upper Keys, Florida City and Homestead to grow both personally and professionally. We have a strong belief that the primary way to achieve that goal is through education," said Richard Weinstein, ORCF president and COO and CFK Board of Trustees member.

The Building Bridges Scholarship expands upon ORCF's investment in CFK endeavors to grow education opportunities in the Upper Keys. They previously contributed toward the construction of the college's new Upper Keys Center in Key Largo, which opened in 2021, and provided a grant to purchase equipment for its testing center.

