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MIAMI WATERKEEPER'S
**JUNIOR
AMBASSADOR
PROGRAM**

A YEAR IN REVIEW 2019-2020





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In its fifth year, the Junior Ambassador program has continued to grow! In addition to their service learning opportunities, students also participated in a novel boat trip to the mouth of the Little River, a common pollution discharge point into Biscayne Bay. On this trip, students learned proper water quality collection techniques and water quality analysis methods. The trip ended with a coastal clean up on Pelican Island where students learned about marine debris' impact on local ecosystems. This boat trip was made possible as part of a new partnership with The International Seakeepers Society to help broaden the opportunities we provided to this year's group of Junior Ambassadors.

Miami Waterkeeper's Junior Ambassador program celebrates its fifth cohort of students. These young environmental leaders received specialized training in civic engagement and advocacy, South Florida environmental issues, and participated in unique service learning opportunities. In 2019-2020, our students achieved numerous successes!



PARTICIPATED IN 3 SERVICE LEARNING EVENTS

- International Coastal Clean Up at Marine Stadium Park
- Deering Estate Biodiversity Walk
- Water Quality Skills for Citizen Scientists aboard the Seakeepers' vessel *Julia*



COMPLETED 4 ADVOCACY TRAININGS



REMOVED 500 POUNDS OF MARINE DEBRIS



CONTRIBUTED TO 20 ACRES OF NATIVE HABITAT RESTORATION



GRADUATED 21 JUNIOR AMBASSADORS



GUIDED BY 5 LEADERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS



COMPLETED AT LEAST 21 SERVICE HOURS PER STUDENT

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Junior Ambassador alumni are eligible to return to the program as members of the Leadership Board. Leadership Board members, through peer to peer education, guide new Ambassadors through the program. The Leadership Board will continue to refine their role in the coming year as Miami Waterkeeper takes steps to engage under resourced schools and students in the Junior Ambassador program.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

In addition to four advocacy trainings, this year's Junior Ambassadors were treated to a special appearance by Miami Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. Commissioner Cava spoke to students about the importance of civic engagement, building community, and communicating science through public speaking. She underscored the importance of being an environmental steward in every career path.





Visit our website at
www.miamiwaterkeeper.org/junior_ambassadors
to find out more about this program.

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