

FKCC WELCOMES FIRST STUDENT THROUGH DIVEHEART FOUNDATION



Key West, FL, July 31, 2009—Florida Keys Community College is proud to welcome its first student recruited through Diveheart this upcoming fall term. Stephanie Dominici, 21, first visited the FKCC campus as a Diveheart participant in June and will be making the move from Chicago to Key West to begin working toward an A.S. Degree in Diving later this month.

Formerly a pre-law student, Dominici's enthusiasm to begin her studies at FKCC is evident. With hopes of professionally hunting for sunken treasure one day, she will be pursuing a career in underwater archeology through FKCC's James E. Lockwood, Jr. School of Diving and Underwater Technology.

Diagnosed with polio as a child, Dominici has been a patient at Shriners Children's Hospital for most of her life. She was referred to Diveheart four years ago by Sara Klass, Director of Spinal Cord Injury Service at Shriners. "She knew I liked to swim, so she thought I'd like diving," Dominici says, thankful of Klass's recommendation. "I was hooked! I just love it and wanna do this for the rest of my life!"

Dominici, now a Diveheart volunteer, made the trip to FKCC earlier this week to help her peers from Shriners experience the same feeling of empowerment that diving has given her. She plans to remain involved with Diveheart as much as possible, volunteering with their south Florida branch and helping out with any events at FKCC.