

Le Jardin Distinguished Alumni



**Kassandra
Irizarry**

Kassandra was born January 3, 1993 in Homestead, FL. She attended Le Jardin from 1996 to 1998, and then went on to Campbell Drive Elementary and Avocado Elementary. She attended Homestead Middle School where she was involved in Band and Flagettes, later becoming the Captain of the Flagettes in both 7th and 8th grade. She graduated from South Dade Sr. High in 2010 (a year earlier than expected due to her exceptional grades) and made top 25 Shining Knights in her class. She also took part in the drama program as she always dreamed of becoming a movie star. She later obtained her National Child Development Associate credential, following in the footsteps of her beloved mother who also was a strong advocate for early childhood education. Kassandra and her mother had hoped to open a child care center together. After high school, Kassandra attended Miami Dade College where she obtained an associate's degree in psychology and made the Dean's list due to her excellent GPA. Kassandra then moved to New York City to attending John Jay Criminal Justice University full-time. Kassandra obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and again made the Dean's List both years.

After graduating from John Jay, Kassandra moved back to Homestead and became employed with Le Jardin as a social worker, taking on a case-load of 80 children and families. Kassandra was then offered the opportunity to attend Brooklyn College Graduate School of Law in Brooklyn, NY which she accepted.

Kassandra is in her second semester of law school, working towards becoming a lawyer in intellectual properties. She is currently a part of the Latin, Black, and Business Association. She has qualified to take part in mock courts in California and Louisiana, and Georgia. In addition, she does pro bono work in Brooklyn and Manhattan. She plans to intern this summer with NY Life Insurance Legal Team. In her spare time, Kassandra loves to play the piano, spend time with Jeter (her Chihuahua who she says is her son), spend time with family, and travel as much as possible to Florida in order to visit her father, sister, nephew, and friends.