

CARLA HARRIS, MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT BANKER & AMELIA ISLAND SPEAKERS FORUM FEATURED GUEST, VISITS LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

How big is your house? What is a good investment? Can you really sing? These were all questions answered by investment banker, singer, and author Carla Harris during her recent visit to Nassau's two Boys & Girls Clubs. Jacksonville native Ms. Harris was in town on Friday, November 20, 2009 to speak at the 3rd Annual Boys and Girls Club Speakers Forum at The Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island. She took out time before the evening gala to visit both clubs and speak about her journey from Jacksonville to Wall Street.



Investment Banker Carla Harris spoke to over 100 kids at the Miller Boys & Girls Club on November 20, 2009 as part of her visit to Amelia Island. She made sure everyone understood the difference between magna and summa cum laude, the importance of education to her success, and how the thing that always has motivated her the most is someone telling her that "she can't".

In addition to being a Wall Street success, Carla Harris is an accomplished singer with two CD's and concerts at Carnegie Hall to her credit. She gave singing tips to Boys and Girls Club member Emma Levy who sings at many Club functions. Ms. Harris then challenged Emma to a contest to see who could hold a note the longest. (P.S. Emma gave a great effort, but Ms. Harris wowed the room with how long she could hold a note.)



Emma Levy singing at the Miller Boys and Girls Club Black History Program this February.

Carla Harris visited the Fernandina Beach Boys & Girls Club November 20, 2009 and talked about the importance of education to her success. When one club member asked her if she made a lot of money, she queried the room in turn : “How much is a lot?” The kids’ replies varied from \$50.00 to a billion dollars; Ms. Harris said she earned somewhere between those two amounts. She also talked about her singing, book writing, and giving back to her community (both Jacksonville and New York City).

