



Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.
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Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will celebrate the 28th Anniversary of the Annual Essay Contest Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

The mission of Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. is to foster, promote and preserve the Hispanic heritage and culture in the Tampa Bay area.

Tampa, FL - May 20th, 2015: Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will hold its 28th Annual Essay Contest Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 30, 2015. The Essay Contest celebrates the achievements in writing by middle and high school students of Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay area. Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. has sponsored the Essay Contest for the past 27 years in order to heighten the awareness of the Hispanic culture and its many contributions to our community, state and country. The Awards Brunch will be held at the Columbia Restaurant located in Ybor City at 9:30 AM. This year's essay theme is **"Hispanic Heritage: Why Should We Keep It Alive?"** The 2015 Essay Contest winners are:

Category I: Grades 6-8 English

- 1st Place: Arnav Pangasa** - 8th Grade
J. Crockett Farnell Middle School
Teacher: Marisol Hernandez- Rivera
- 2nd Place: Augusta Major** - 8th Grade
Webb Middle School
Teacher: Alyssa Lum
- 3rd Place: Kaela Sanchez** - 6th Grade
Incarnation Catholic School
Teacher: Maria Casanas

Category II: Grades 6-8 Spanish

- 1st Place: Johan Alvarenga** - 7th Grade
Dowdell Middle Magnet School
Teacher: Maritza Canejo
- 2nd Place: Carlos Montano** - 8th Grade
J. Crockett Farnell Middle School
Teacher: Denise Barnes
- 3rd Place: Roxana Garcia Garcia** - 8th Grade
J. Crockett Farnell Middle School
Teacher: Denise Barnes

Category III: Grades 9-12 English

- 1st Place: Morgan Craig** - 11th Grade
Wharton High School
Teacher: Merrill Connor
- 2nd Place: Hannah Pavliga** - 10th Grade
H.B. Plant High School
Teacher: Yohannis Carrera
- 3rd Place: Sayyada Kazim** - 10th Grade
Tampa Bay Technical High School
Teacher: Elizabeth Galan-Vega

Category IV: Grades 9-12 Spanish

- 1st Place: Sebastian Gonzalez** - 11th Grade
H.B. Plant High School
Teacher: Yohanis Carrera
- 2nd Place: Laura Rosales** - 10th Grade
Lennard High School
Teacher: Elena Galindo
- 3rd Place: Ariana Borrero** - 9th Grade
Riverview High School
Teacher: Caleb Velasquez

The cost of the Brunch is \$25.00 per person. Winning students, their teacher, and one parent are complimentary. Please RSVP to Dr. Luz P. Lono at (813) 949-9271 or at luzlono@verizon.net. Please visit us at www.tampahispanic.org or Facebook.

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