



Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.  
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# Press Release

**Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will celebrate the 26th Anniversary of the Annual Essay Contest Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 25, 2013.**

**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 13th, 2013: Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will hold its 26th Annual Essay Contest Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 25, 2013. The Essay Contest celebrates the achievements in writing by middle and high school students of Hillsborough County. Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. has sponsored the Essay Contest for the past 25 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 "**500 Years of History: Benchmarks for Hispanics in Florida.**" The 2013 Essay Contest winners are:

**Category 1: Grades 6-8 English**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Yanalin Esposito** - 8th Grade  
Webb Middle School  
Teacher: Susan Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Courtney Walsh** - 7th Grade  
Burns Middle School  
Teacher: Linda McKeighen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Isabella Gonzalez** - 7th Grade  
Wilson Middle School  
Teacher: Deborah Ely

**Category 2: Grades 6-8 Spanish**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Frenlyn Carral Camacho** - 8th Grade  
Dowdell Middle School  
Teacher: Maritza Camejo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Raidel Guelmes** - 7th Grade  
Dowdell Middle School  
Teacher: Maritza Camejo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alejandro Morales** - 8th Grade  
Davidsen Middle School  
Teacher: Luz Legra

**Category 3: Grades 9-12 English**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sabbir Mirza** - 11th Grade  
Tampa Bay Technical High School  
Teacher: Annette Suarez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Javier A. Caraballo-Bryant** - 11th Grade  
Richard C. Spoto High School  
Teacher: Yohanis Carrera
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marilyn Salvatierra** - 12th Grade  
Freedom High School  
Teacher: Elizabeth Knight

**Category 4: Grades 9-12 Spanish**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Estefania Garcia-Yepes** - 10th Grade  
Tampa Bay Technical High School  
Teacher: Annette Suarez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jose Sanchez-Flores** - 11th Grade  
Strawberry Crest High School  
Teacher: Iris Figueroa
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ana Ibis Calderon** - 12th Grade  
Tampa Bay Technical High School  
Teacher: Annette Suarez

The cost of the Brunch is \$25.00 per person. Winning students, their teacher, and one parent are complimentary. For more information, please contact Dr. Luz P. Lono at (813) 949-9271. Please visit us at [www.tampahispanic.org](http://www.tampahispanic.org) or Facebook.

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