

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Social Sciences- Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest

*Category: For Your Information*

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: Sep 25, 2015

Meeting Date: n/a

**Attachment(s):** [CERVANTES STUDENT Essay Guidelines 2015.pdf](#)  
[CERVANTES STUDENT Essay Letter.pdf](#)

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To announce the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest.

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- The Department of Social Sciences is pleased to partner with Nova Southeastern University's Abraham S. Fischler College of Education in the Cervantes Outstanding Student Essay Contest for Hispanic Heritage Month for 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY.
- Essays can be written in English or Spanish.
- Schools need to select a FIRST PLACE WINNER and only submit ONE ENTRY.
- Schools should email the typed FIRST PLACE WINNER to: Dr. Lourdes Rovira, [Lrovira@nova.edu](mailto:Lrovira@nova.edu).
- **Essays are due no later than Friday, September 25, 2015.**
- **Include in the essay's header the student's name, grade, teacher, school, and Region.**
- Schools that submit more than one essay will be automatically disqualified.
- Essay topics are as follow:
  - Elementary School level: **5th Graders** (100-word minimum)
    - Topic: What I value about Hispanic culture.
  - Middle School level: **8th Graders** (250-word minimum)
    - Topic: Why Miami is considered the "Gateway of the Americas"
  - Senior High School level: **11th Graders** (500-word minimum)
    - Topic: As a young adult, how can I contribute to helping the people in a multiethnic society share common bonds?
- Winners (from each grade level) will be presented with gift cards in the amounts of \$100.00 for first place, \$75.00 for second place, and \$50.00 for third place.
- Winners will be presented these awards at the seventeenth annual "Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award Ceremony" event that will take place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 5:30 PM at:
  - Hilton Miami Airport Hotel
  - 5101 Blue Lagoon Drive
  - Miami, Florida
- Schools having a finalist will be notified of the committee's selection no later than October 9, 2015. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY SCHOOLS WITH A FINALIST WILL BE NOTIFIED.**
- Honorees, their families and teachers, as well as the school's administration are invited to attend the ceremony.
- Invitations will be sent to the winning student's school. We request that the school notify the family of the students who will be honored at the Cervantes Award celebration and ensure the student's presence at the event.
- **Questions regarding this essay should be addressed to Dr. Armando Rodriguez, Chairman, Hispanic Advisory Board, at (305) 905-6517 or to Dr. Rovira at 305-632-2100.**
- Please see attached guidelines and letter to principals for additional information.

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