

**Date:** September 6, 2018  
**To:** All Principals  
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**Recipients:** All Teachers  
**Subject:** Hispanic Heritage Month 2018-19

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### Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15, 2018 through October 15, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott are hosting the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and have invited all Florida students to participate in the art and essay contests. The theme for this year's essay and art contests is "A Celebration of Innovative Hispanic-American Leaders." Students are asked to share how Hispanic Floridians have impacted our state's history and culture. All students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a prize by submitting artwork.

In addition, Governor Rick Scott's Hispanic Heritage History Month essay contest is open to all students in grades 4–12. Winners will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation. All K-12 winners will be notified after October 22, 2018. Awards will be presented at Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration to be held in Tallahassee. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses will be paid for the winners and one immediate family member.

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 15, 2018. Entries should be mailed to Volunteer Florida, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, 3800 Esplanade Way, Suite 180, Tallahassee, Florida 32311. Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs. For necessary contest requirements, please visit [www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com](http://www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com) or the following websites:

#### Online Submission

[2018 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest Online Submission](#)

[2018 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest Parent/Legal Guardian Waiver Form](#)

#### Paper Submission

[2018 Essay Contest Rules, Guidelines & Waiver Form \(.PDF\)](#)

[2018 Essay Contest Rules, Guidelines & Waiver Form \(.PDF\) - Spanish](#)

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Arlene Peters at [Arlene.Peters@ocps.net](mailto:Arlene.Peters@ocps.net).