

VOLUSIA COUNTY WORLD LANGUAGES FESTIVAL:

CELEBRATING CULTURE, CONNECTING THE WORLD



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

DELTONA HIGH SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events take place in the Building 10, the Courtyard and the Cafeteria.

8:00-8:45 Judges' Breakfast Meeting Building 10 Rm 10-001

9:00-9:30

Opening Assembly Auditorium

Andrea Blaha Deltona High School Students

Parade of Flags World Languages Students

Pledge of Allegiance.....Savannah Surgent, ASL Seabreeze student

..... Andrea Blaha, Deltona High Students

Welcome Dr. Angélica Pereles-Coleman/Dr. Christina Lapnow Deltona High School

Mambo Dance Group..... University High School, teacher: Ms. Linda López Rivera

Deltona High School Latin Dance Group..... Deltona High School teacher: Mrs. Burgos Casiano

Presenting Keynote Address..... Mrs. Burgos Casiano & Ms. Andrea Blaha

Keynote Address..... Vice-Mayor Avila-Vazquez

Introduction of Judges.....Dr. Angélica Pereles-Coleman World Languages

Presentation of Scholarships..... Mrs. Burgos Casiano, Mr. Gomez & Mr. Espinosa VCFLA

COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Tally Room: Building 10 Rm 10-001

9:45-11:15 Speaking Events..... Building 10

Picture Impromptu (Spanish): Building 10 Rm10-002

Japanese Poem: Building 10 Rm 10-003

Spanish Poem: Building 10 Rm 10-004

German Poem: Building 10 Rm 10-005

French Poem: Building 10 Rm 10-006

9:45-11:15 Entertainment and Contests that are open to spectators:

Talent Show Auditorium

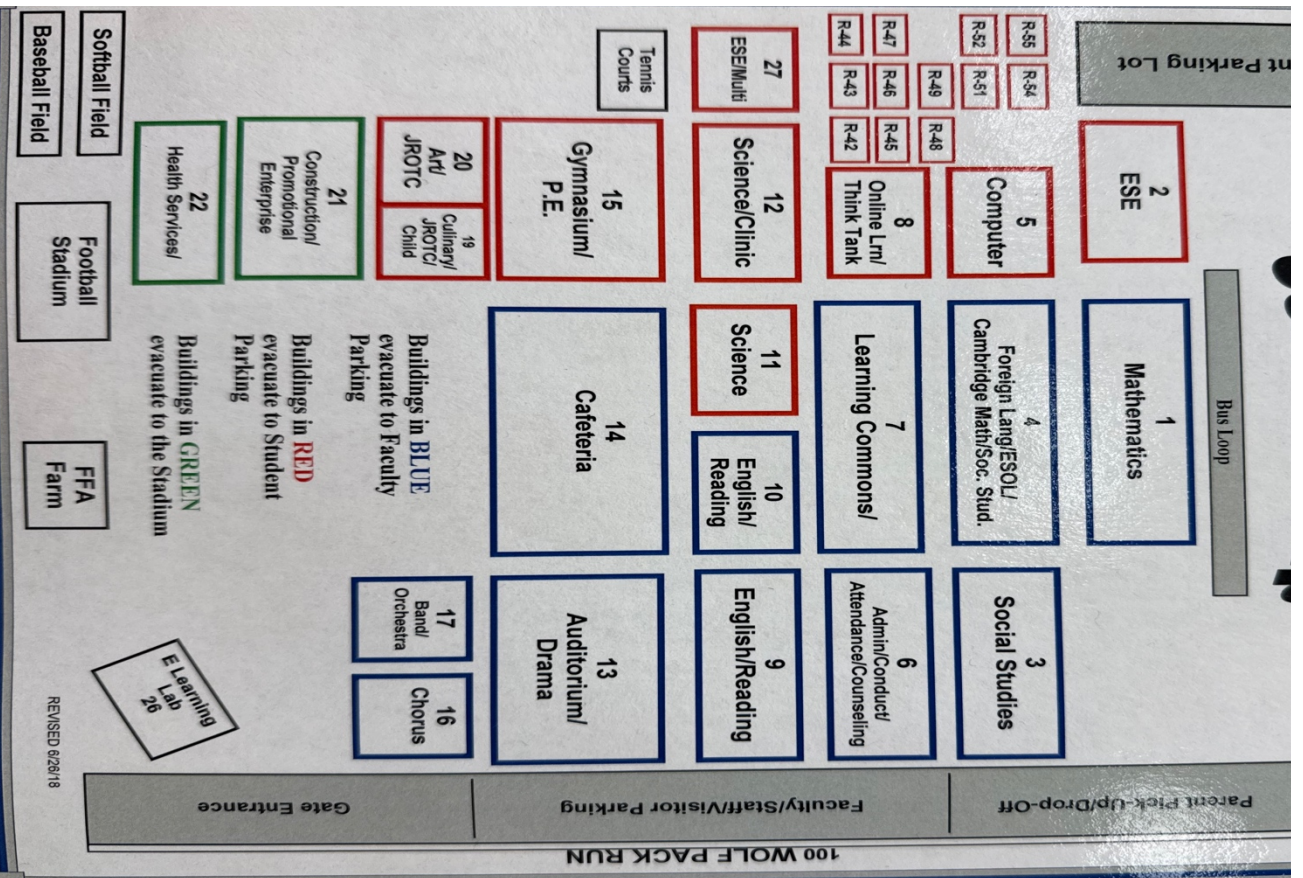
Krazy for Karaoke Cafeteria Courtyard

Food Booths and Entertainment Cafeteria

Chalk Art Contest.....Courtyard

Project Display (Please pick up after Festival) Cafeteria

1:00 Awards and Closing Ceremonies Auditorium



Vice Mayor Maritza Avila Vazquez of the City of Deltona is our 2026 Keynote Speaker. She currently serves as the District 3 Commissioner and was selected as Vice Mayor in 2021. She is recognized as the only Hispanic vice mayor in Volusia County. She was born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York, and from an early age she developed a strong passion for community, culture, and service. Before moving to Florida, she built an accomplished career at the Republic National Bank of New York, now part of HSBC. During her career she worked in banknote trading, precious metals trading, systems analysis, automation instruction, and technical project management. She retired in 2000 as an Executive Director with the title of Vice President.

After relocating to Deltona, Vice Mayor Avila Vazquez became a driving force in community involvement. For nearly two decades she has volunteered, mentored young people, and supported numerous local organizations. Her work includes leadership roles with the Deltona Civic Association, the Deltona Art Center, the YMCA Latino Achievers, and the Hispanic American Youth Group of Deltona. Her open-door approach has helped her connect with residents from all backgrounds. She also actively supports Deltona's rich Hispanic heritage, especially meaningful in a city where more than 37 percent of the population identifies as Hispanic. She proudly shares her cultural roots and encourages younger generations to embrace their own.

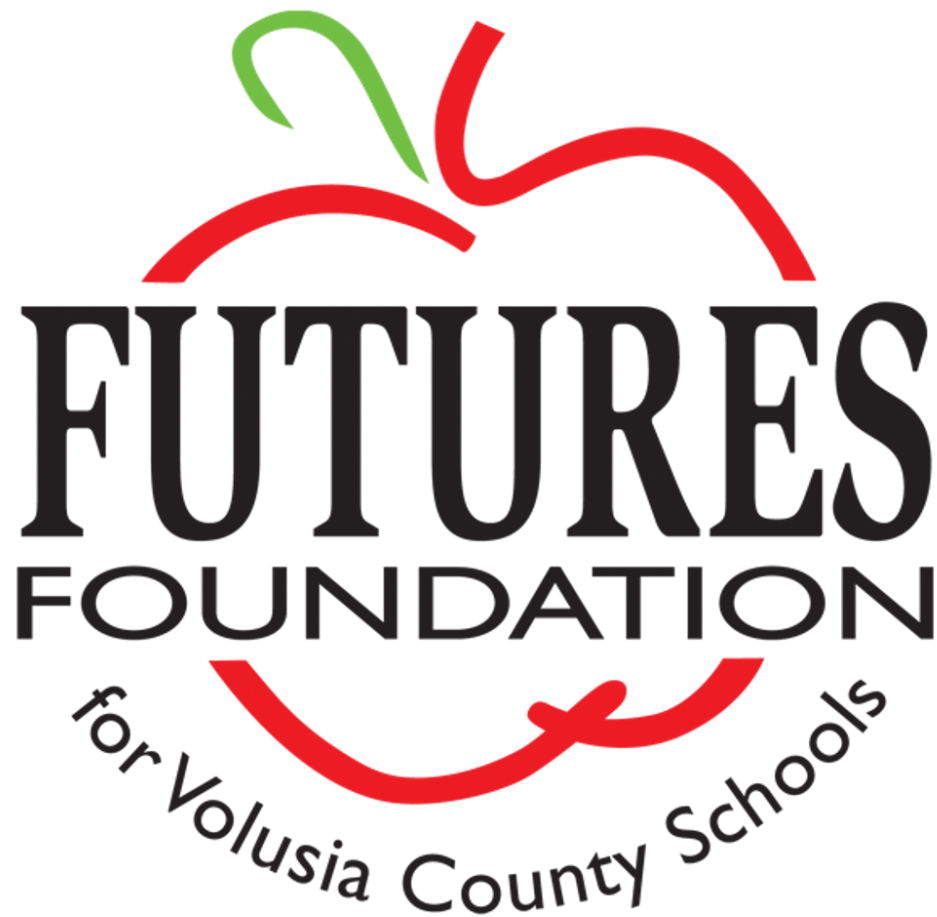
Vice Mayor Avila Vazquez continues to serve Deltona with dedication, pride, and compassion. Whether she is addressing civic groups, supporting youth initiatives, or helping organize cultural celebrations, she remains committed to building unity and opportunity within the community. Her leadership, her passion for service, and her unwavering commitment to the people of Deltona make her an inspiring figure and a powerful voice for progress. It is our privilege to welcome her as our keynote speaker today.



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Campbell Middle School: Nuñez
Creekside Middle School: Delgado-Acevedo
Deland High School: Day
Deltona High School: Burgos Casiano, Gomez, Espinosa
Deltona Middle School: Castro Santos
David Hinson Middle School: Patrick
Horizon Elementary School: Speidel
Mainland High School: Lesacano, Morin, Woodbury
Ormond Beach Middle School: De Castro
River Springs Middle: Chirogianis
Seabreeze High School: Garay, Griffith, Midland
Spruce Creek High School: Strauts
Spruce Creek Elementary: Khabbaz
Tomoka Elementary: Hogan
University High School: Maldonado-Martinez
Volusia Online Learning: Wilson

Thank you to teachers of 2026 participating students

Atlantic High School: Valle, Whipple Hamil
Campbell Middle School: Nuñez
Creekside Middle School: Delgado-Acevedo
DeLand High School: Day, Gonzalez, Maeso Maldonado, Rentas
Deltona High School: Burgos Casiano, Espinosa, Gomez
Deltona Middle School: Castro Santos
Hinson Middle School: Patrick
Mainland High School: Reid, Woodbury, Lescano, Morin
New Smyrna Beach High School: Guruvadoo, Rosado
Ormond Beach Middle School: De Castro
Pine Ridge School: Schadenfroh
Seabreeze High School: Garay, Griffith, Midland
Spruce Creek High School: Casanova, Gonzalez-Retas, Patrick-Gonzalez, Strauts
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