

Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

¡Saludos y bienvenidos a FSSC 2023!

Oak Hall School is honored to be your Conferencia host this year. We have put together a great team of volunteers who are looking forward to celebrating the 66th year of Conferencia with you.

Our theme for Conferencia is *Unidos Somos Más Fuertes*. We thought this highly appropriate given the difficulties we've been through in our classrooms and in our lives over the past few years, as well as the need for all of us to unite together to start building Conferencia back up to its pre-pandemic attendance levels. We are excited to announce the centerpiece contest to this year's Conferencia which will honor our theme of 'unity.' Each school is asked to bring two or more handmade centerpieces surrounding the theme. The centerpieces must be made by students and should represent unity between Spanish-speaking countries, communities, or groups.

Each school will choose one of its centerpieces to enter for judging. The centerpieces will be judged by one teacher from each school that enters the competition, as well as two FSSC judges. Judging will take place on Thursday evening from 6:00-6:30pm. Scores will be tallied in the Point Room, and the top three centerpieces will be announced and awarded trophies at Saturday morning's awards ceremony. The centerpieces will be used for the Banquet on Friday night. Each school will be given the opportunity to pick up their own centerpiece at the end of the Banquet on Friday night, and any unclaimed centerpieces will be put on display at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday for anyone who would like to take home an extra 'souvenir' and in doing so share a bit of our culture.

Students are encouraged to use poetic license to create centerpieces that most closely reflect the theme and their own culture and identity as they define those terms. The only requirements of this project are as follows: sculptures must be 3-dimensional, self-standing, small enough to serve as the centerpiece of an 8 to 10-person round table at the Banquet, and in vivid color(s).

If we can provide additional clarity or details regarding this project, please email Krystal Serrano at kserrano@oakhall.org.

¡Hasta pronto!

Krystal Serrano

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