

December, 2023.

Dear FSSC Sponsor:

Thank you so much for sending in your registration forms and fees. Here is some final information about the hotel and 2024 conference. When you arrive at the conference, you will find a map of the hotel in the registration packet, which will help you find competition rooms, point room, pools, restaurants, and everything else on the hotel grounds. This is the third letter containing final instructions. Please read it carefully as this is the last information you will be receiving before the conference.

### Due dates Please adhere to these dates

#### JANUARY 16, 2024

1- <u>ALL</u> forms and registration fee (per person attending) is due. Registration will not be processed until we receive <u>all</u> forms and fees.

#### FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Deadline for Florida Chapter of AATSP point room fees (all teachers of students attending the conference must pay fee). Check payable to **Florida Chapter of AATSP**. Send to:

### Amarilys Heard 2200 Solé Mia Sq. Ln. APT 512 North Miami, FL 33181

#### FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Deadline for hotel reservation. Registration will not be processed until the hotel receives <u>both</u> forms and down payment fee. Per the Wyndham: "the cut-off day for all reservations is <u>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024</u>. Reservations request received after 5:00 pm local time at the Hotel on the cut-off date will be accepted at the Hotel's prevailing rate, based on room availability." Please be sure to include a copy of the rooming list with the other documents.

#### FEBRUARY 15, 2024:

1-Last day to make changes in competitions. Remember, all substitutions <u>must</u> be made from <u>existing</u> alternate list.

- 2- Banquet Dinner Selection Form is due (to be sent in a future email with options).
- 3- Last day to add Costume, Entertainment or Senior Scholarship entries. Entries must be pre-registered.

4- Last day to turn in your Sponsor Locator Form (enclosed) & Damage & Liability form (circular 2).

5- ALL TBD's must be clarified for ALL events. If not clarified by 5:00 PM they will be eliminated from competition

#### Please remember to bring with you:

- 1. An updated rooming list <u>with</u> emergency phone numbers for all participants.
- 2. A list of students competing in Impromptu, Declamation, Play, Senior Scholarship, Entertainment, and Regional Dress competitions.
- 3. A T-shirt to enter in the T-Shirt design competition based on the theme of this year's Conferencia, if your team is participating in this non-academic activity.
- 4. Posters, scrapbooks and center pieces if you are competing in these cultural events.

#### Conference Registration and Hotel Check-In:

Upon arrival, go to the <u>**Convention Center</u>** on the east side of the hotel. Park and unload there. <u>**There will**</u> <u>**be**</u> a room available for students and suitcases.</u>

Conference Registration will be in <u>JASMINE</u>. <u>Only one sponsor</u> will be admitted (no students). Hotel check-in will be in <u>MAGNOLIA</u>. Hotel rooms will be assigned, as they become available. Both registrations will open at 12 noon and will close at 3:00 pm. Please be prompt. Please note that any changes to the rooms used for Registration or check-in will be emailed to you.

The school Sponsor needs to bring the following to registration:

- 1. Scrapbook entry (*if any*)
- 2. Poster entry (if any)
- 3. Last-minute changes or substitutions (*if any*)
- 4. A T-shirt to enter in the T-Shirt design competition based on the theme of this year's Conferencia if your team is participating in this non-academic activity.

General Session for students and teachers will begin at 4:00 PM. A mandatory sponsor meeting will immediately follow the general session.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please remember that there is **NO** on-site registration for Regional Dress, Entertainment or Senior Scholarship Exam competitions. There is a <u>maximum</u> of <u>3</u> entries per school for each of these categories. New entries <u>MUST</u> be emailed by JANUARY 15, 2024.

In order to be proactive and to expedite the onsite registration process, we will accept any last minute changes and substitutions until 5:00 PM on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024. Onsite changes will also be accepted. Substitutions must be made *only* from the existing alternate list), must be made by email <u>ONLY</u> (fsscsecretary@gmail.com) no later than TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, by 5:00 pm to appear in the program.

The Banquet Dinner Selection Form will be sent separately. We are waiting to confirm the menu with the hotel.

Payment for parents and other guests (\$80 each) MUST BE RECEIVED by February 15, 2024

There are many eating establishments from which to choose on the Wyndham grounds. **GATORVILLE is open from** 11:00 am-2:00 am and serves fresh seafood, salads, grilled specialties, sandwiches, pizza, all available for lunch and dinner. Many restaurants within walking distance *NOT* having to cross I-Drive or Sandlake are located on the opposite side of the parking lot, walking toward I-Drive, including a BJ's, LongHorn SteakHouse, Chuy's Mexican Food, and Starbucks.

#### Reminders:

- 1. The <u>3</u> highest scoring entertainment numbers of each category, *dance, vocal, and instrumental* will perform at the banquet. Try-out results will be posted outside <u>Jasmine</u> by 4:00 PM Friday.
- 2. Maximum of <u>3</u> entries per school may participate in the regional dress competition. Students should be prepared to announce their name, school number and the country and region they represent at the banquet. No on-site registration permitted. All students participating in the regional dress competition MUST appear before the judges with a 2 minute memorized oral presentation (en español) in which the student must include the following:
- a. the province/region and country that is represented by the regional dress
- b. the history behind the regional dress
- c. the occasion for which it is/was used
- d. a detailed description of the regional dress

**This oral presentation will take place on Friday between 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.** Like the entertainment try-outs, it is a revolving time when students can come any time during this 2 hour time frame to present the dress' biography. Students who do not appear for this preliminary judging will not be permitted to appear at the banquet. Students must wear regional dress for the presentation.

3. In order to pick up your trophies and ribbons your school <u>must</u> be present at the awards ceremony. Trophies and ribbons will <u>not</u> be distributed early nor can they be mailed. <u>No exceptions will be made</u>.

# 4. All sponsors must be present at the two sponsor meetings: Thursday 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM and Saturday 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM. **MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA AATSP CHAPTER MUST BE PRESENT IN SATURDAY'S MEETING TO VOTE IN ANY CHAPTER'S DISCUSSION.**

This is the last letter you will be receiving from us prior to the 2024 conference in Orlando. Osceola County School of the Arts and Celebration High School are working diligently to make this year's conference a success. We hope to have answered all of your questions and concerns and look forward to being your host in Orlando. Please send an email to me at <u>fsscsecretary@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions or concerns not addressed in this letter.

## Be on the lookout for the banquet dinner selection form in January as we are still finalizing details in the menu.

Can't wait to see everyone on March 7!

Linda Villadóniga FSSC Secretary

### <u>Florida State Spanish Conference</u> <u>Sponsor / Chaperone Locator Sheet</u>

#### Email to: <u>fsscsecretary@gmail.com</u> by February 15, 2024.

School Name:		School #:	
Sponsors/Chaperones (Please print)	Mobile #	Signature	

We must be able to locate one of you at all times in case of an emergency. Please assign a duty time to each sponsor or chaperone so that someone will be "on call" at all times. The "on-call" sponsor must check the emergency message board in the point room frequently during his/her time slot and also let people know where s/he may be reached.

Times	Person in charge (Please print)
3:00-6:00 pm	
6:00-9:00 pm	
9:00-Curfew *	
8:00-11:00 am	
11:00-2:00 pm	
2:00-5:00 pm	
5:00-8:00 pm	
8:00-11:00 pm*	
11:00-Curfew *	
8:00-11:00 am	
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#### \*Each school MUST have at least one chaperone @ each of the dances

# Florida State Spanish Conference Schedule

Thursday:	
12 noon-3 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 11:00 pm	3:00pm Conference Registration General Mtg. followed by FAATSP Mtg. Impromptu Speech Competition begins Curfew
Friday:	i
8:00 am	Senior Scholarship Exam
9:00 am	Dramatic Presentations begin 12 noon-1:30pm
	Entertainment Auditions & Regional Dress preliminary judging
1:30 pm	Declamation Competition begins
6:00 pm	Banquet
9:00 pm	Dance
12:30 am	Curfew
Saturday:	1
8:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Sponsor's Mtg. & FSSC Business Mtg. Awards Ceremony Check-out
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