

# Advanced Placement Faculty Bio



**Carlos Escobar, AP Program Director**

Mr. Escobar joined the founding faculty of Felix Varela in 2000 and has been teaching AP English Literature and Composition for 18 years. Since then he has been a College Board Advisor for AP English Literature and Composition, member of the AP English Literature Test Development Committee, presenter in various local and national AP workshops and conferences, and a mentor to new AP English teachers. Mr. Escobar has represented the College Board in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Iowa City, Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Louisville, Miami, Miami Beach, New Orleans, New York, Orlando, Princeton, San Antonio, and Seattle. He also serves as a College Board Consultant for various programs, including the PSAT and SAT, and is a member of the Instructional Design Team for AP English Literature and Composition. Additionally, he has attended AP Summer Institutes, AP Annual Conferences, the College Board's National Forums, the College Board's Southern Regional Forums, and the College Board's Prepárate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America Conference. For Miami-Dade County, he has led AP Teacher and AP Student Curriculum Review workshops and has been a mentor to new AP English teachers. Mr. Escobar has co-authored the Teacher's Editions of three AP and Pre-AP textbooks from Bedford, Freeman and Worth: Literature & Composition, Advanced Language & Literature, and Foundations of Language & Literature. His most recent book project is co-authoring the second edition of Advanced Language & Literature, which is due out in 2021.



**Cindy Alonso**

Mrs. Alonso has been teaching AP courses at Felix Varela for five years. She has attended AP Summer Institutes for AP Research, AP US History, and AP Human Geography; additionally, she has attended the AP Annual Conference. Mrs. Alonso has delivered both AP Teacher and AP Student Curriculum Reviews for M-DCPS, and she currently serves as a Table Leader for AP Research during exam scoring. She is a consultant for the College Board and has traveled to Atlanta, Washington D.C., Baltimore, and Tampa to instruct aspiring AP Research teachers.



**Michael Avello**

Mr. Avello has been a Social Studies teacher at Felix Varela for 17 years and has taught Advanced Placement World History, United States History and Human Geography for several years. He currently teaches Advanced Placement Human Geography.



**Natalie Castillo**

Mrs. Castillo has been teaching for 11 years and has taught AP courses at Felix Varela for seven years. She teaches both AP English Language and Composition and AP Seminar. Mrs. Castillo serves as the College Board Advisor on the AP Seminar Test Development Committee, as a Question Leader at the AP Reading for AP Seminar, and as an AP Advocate for the College Board. Additionally, she has served as a District mentor for AP English Language and has presented at District AP Teacher and AP Student Curriculum Review workshops. On behalf of the College Board, Ms. Castillo presented at the 2018 AP Annual Conference in Houston and has traveled to Louisville, New York, Phoenix, and Salt Lake City. She has attended AP Summer Institutes, AP Annual Conferences, and various AP workshops.



**Heather Cipriani**

Mrs. Cipriani has been teaching Visual Art at Varela for 18 years and has taught AP Drawing for 5 years. She has attended the AP Annual Conference in Orlando and District AP Curriculum Review workshops.



**Eyleen De La Guardia**

Ms. De La Guardia has been teaching AP Spanish Language and Culture for five years, two of which have been at Felix Varela. In the past, she has also taught AP Spanish Literature and Culture. Ms. De La Guardia has participated in the District AP Curriculum Review Workshops for the past 4 years.



**Diane Escobar**

Mrs. Escobar has been teaching science at Felix Varela for 18 years and AP Biology for 6 years. She has attended AP Summer Institutes in Miami, AP Annual Conferences in Orlando, Seattle, and Washington D.C., and College Board Southern Regional Forums in Miami and Atlanta. Additionally, she has both attended and led District AP Teacher Curriculum Review workshops for AP Biology. With the College Board, Mrs. Escobar also serves on Content and Fairness Review Panels for the redesigned PSAT and SAT.



**Ailette Faedo**

Ms. Faedo has been teaching AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC for 10 years at Felix Varela. She has attended AP Summer Institutes and District AP Curriculum Review workshops.



**Esther Fernandez**

Mrs. Fernandez has been teaching Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture for 15 years at Varela. For the last five years, she has been an AP Reader for the College Board. She has attended AP Institutes, the AP Annual Conference, and District AP Curriculum Review workshops.



**Mayte Iglesia-Osorio**

Mrs. Iglesia-Osorio has been teaching college-level courses since 2011 and currently teaches AP Human Geography at Felix Varela. In the past, she has also taught AP Psychology. Mrs. Iglesia-Osorio's background is in Counseling Psychology.



**Maria Lantigua**

Ms. Lantigua has taught Creative Photography at Felix Varela for 16 years and AP 2-D Art and Design for 10 years. She has attended various District AP Curriculum Review workshops.



**Diana Nadaskay**

Mrs. Nadaskay has been teaching for 27 years. At Felix Varela, she has taught AP World History for 12 years and AP European History for 8 years. She has been an AP mentor and an AP reader for the AP World History exam for 11 years. Mrs. Nadaskay has attended the AP Annual Conference in Orlando and District AP Curriculum Review workshops.



**Karina Papili**

Ms. Papili has been teaching mathematics since 2006 and currently teaches AP Statistics at Felix Varela. She has attended the AP Summer Institute at Nova Southeastern University.



**Daniel Reyes**

Mr. Reyes has been teaching for 22 years and currently teaches AP US History at Felix Varela. He has attended AP Summer Institutes for US History, M-DCPS' AP Curriculum Review workshops, and the AP Annual Conference in Orlando.



**Terri Reyes**

Mrs. Reyes has been teaching science at Felix Varela for 20 years. She has taught Advanced Placement Environmental Science for 8 years. Mrs. Reyes has worked with the College Board as a member of the AP Environmental Science Instructional Design Team. She has attended AP Summer Institutes and the AP Annual Conference, and she has led District AP Curriculum Review workshops for teachers and students. Mrs. Reyes has also served as a mentor teacher, working with new AP Environmental Science teachers in the District.



**Marina Rogers**

Ms. Rogers has been teaching Advanced Placement courses for 25 years. She is an AP Reader for AP Art History as well as a District trainer for the AP Art History Curriculum Review workshops in Miami-Dade. She has attended various College Board institutes in Art History and facilitated the AP Art History Fall and Spring Student Curriculum reviews.



**Rodolfo Sanchez**

Mr. Sanchez has taught both AP Spanish Language and Culture and AP Spanish Literature and Culture at Felix Varela for 17 years. Prior to that, he also taught these courses in NY. Mr. Sanchez has been a College Board Summer Reader, Table Leader and Question Leader for several years and is the Spanish Honor Society Sponsor. Additionally, he has participated in several AP Summer Institutes, AP Annual Conferences, and AP Curriculum Reviews. In his 40-year career, he has also taught Spanish courses for both Spanish-speaking students and for those who are non-native speakers.



**Richard Suarez**

Mr. Suarez teaches AP Computer Science Principles at Felix Varela. He has attended District AP Curriculum Review workshops, as well as College Board AP Institutes.



**Brent Urbanik**

Mr. Urbanik has been teaching for 18 years and has taught AP Psychology for 10 years at Felix Varela. He is a District presenter for both the AP Teacher and AP Student Curriculum Reviews for AP Psychology. Mr. Urbanik has attended AP Summer Institutes and is currently a District mentor for new AP Psychology teachers. Prior teaching, he worked as a group counselor in a department of juvenile justice program and as a case manager for children with emotional handicaps.



**Roberto Vichot**

Dr. Vichot has been teaching Advanced Placement for 15 years; during that time, he has taught AP Comparative Government and Politics, AP US Government, and AP Macroeconomics. He has participated in AP Summer Institutes, the AP Annual Conference, District AP Curriculum Review workshops, and several AP webinars. Dr. Vichot has been an AP Mentor and served as an AP Reader for the AP US Government and Politics exam for over 7 years.



**Anne Woungly-Massaga**

Madame Woungly-Massaga has been teaching Advanced Placement French and Spanish classes for 9 years; at Felix Varela, she has taught AP French for the past two years. She has attended AP Curriculum Review workshops in Miami-Dade County.