

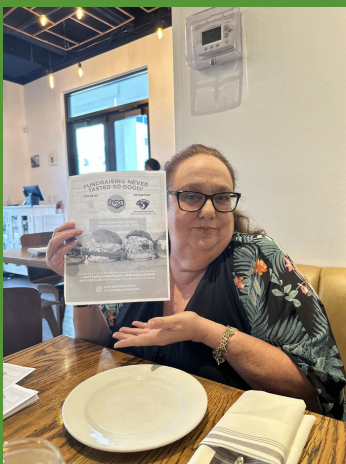
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WELCOME TO FELIX VARELA'S VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM



Yleana Escobar

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HEAD AGRICULTURAL TEACHER

Hello, I'm Yleana Escobar, the agricultural teacher for the veterinary science program here at Felix Varela Senior High School. I welcome all you new and old students to a wonderful year with us and our furry friends. Here at our program, you'll learn procedures for handling animals in a professional environment, treating diseases, and much more. We plan to enhance your knowledge to all of our abilities and resources. I hope this program is everything you hope for and more!

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ALUMNI OF FELIX VARELA

Hi, I'm Kamili Fernandez, a former student of Ms. Escobar and a graduate of 2023. If I had to give advice to all the students, it would be to get involved, this program is what you make of it. I learned that opportunities don't fall into my lap, instead, I had to go out and ask. I had many highlights of my time at Varela, like being able to show goats and sheep, train dogs, and take part in parades. Those opportunities gave me useful knowledge and connections. Students at this vet program can look forward to the sheer amount of possibilities that are offered. The sky's the limit when it comes to the program.



Kamili Fernandez

THE FFA

»»» WHAT IS THE MEANING BEHIND "FFA"?

The acronym "FFA" originally stood for "Future Farmers of America". However, in 1988 the official name of the organization was changed to "The National FFA Organization" to reflect the growth of diversity in the agricultural field. Since 1928, millions of agriculture students have donned the official FFA jacket and recited the FFA creed. FFA has opened its doors and given a warm welcome to minority groups and women, ensuring that all students can reap the benefits of an agricultural education.

»»» WHAT IS THE FFA?

The National FFA Organization is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares students for the future through premier leadership, personal growth, career opportunities, and agricultural education. FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success. Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers, and premier professionals in many career fields. FFA is structured on three levels: local, state, and national. At each level, students partake in leadership activities and competitions with students from other schools.



The heart of the National FFA Organization is at the level of the local chapter. FFA chapters may be chartered in any public school with an agricultural education program. Leadership is provided by student officers who are elected each year by the chapter's members, and by the agriculture teacher who serves as the advisor for the chapter. Our advisor is Yleana Escobar and Beatriz Sosa and Kayla Brown are this year's co-presidents.





REDLAND ROCK PIT ABANDONED DOG PROJECT

»»» OUR BEGINNINGS

Redland Rock Pit Abandoned Dog Project was founded in 2015 by a group of women with a shared love for dogs. These women came together one day to save a deserted dog in a wire cage in an area known as the Rock Pit. Through this incident, we became aware of how many dogs fight every day just to survive. We formed the Redland Rock Pit Abandoned Dog Project with the premise and intent of getting abandoned dogs removed from desertion and put into their forever homes.

»»» WHAT WE DO

We search for reputable organizations to take neglected dogs to get them safely into rescues and eventually adopted into loving forever homes. We provide emergency vet care for injured and sick dogs. Rescued dogs are all vet-checked, vaccinated, spayed/neutered, and go to foster homes until they go to a respectable organization or hopefully get adopted.



»»» HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our project has evolved larger than ever expected, with the number of our volunteers constantly going up. Our dedicated volunteers are constantly helping us day and night to feed, water and house abandoned dogs. You're never too old or young to help our cause in any way possible. You can help simply by donating newspapers, dog/cat food, leashes, collars, etc. to our treasurer Yleana Escobar at Felix Varela. For monetary donations, to find out how to foster or adopt, or volunteer, please visit our website: redlandrockpit.org



»»» WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TOO

Our first fundraiser this year is the SLICE THE PRICE card with Dominoes. For every purchase of a large pizza, you get one free large pizza. This card is just 20\$ and sales start on September 11. We have many fun events throughout the year, like our yearly kiss-a-pooch booth on Valentine's Day to our popular Kendall Ice Skating fundraiser.



»»» WHY ALL THE FUNDRAISERS

The purpose of these events is to raise money for our veterinary program and to pay for a variety of fees, including Veterinary visits, surgeries, barn/kennel repairs, and even basic necessities like food for the animals.

»»» FOLLOW ALONG

For constant updates on future events, and or animals in need follow these socials:

Instagram: ffavarela

Facebook: Felix Varela Veterinary
Science Magnet Academy



DONATIONS

>>> CAN YOU LEND US A HAND?

“Our program is self-supporting. Funding for our rescue efforts is made possible through the generous donations of the general public and the fundraising efforts of our students. We are always in need of monetary contributions and the supplies listed below. We appreciate all of your support and assistance. Thank you for supporting the education of our future leaders.”

–Yleana Escobar, Varela FFA Chapter Advisor



>>> ITEMS THAT CAN HELP

- Dog or/and cat food
- Newspapers
- Puppy pads
- Cleaning supplies (Floor cleaner, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.)
- Animal crates
- Leashes and collars
- Grooming supplies
- Donations for the barn can be given through gift cards to Robbie's Feed and Supply



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