

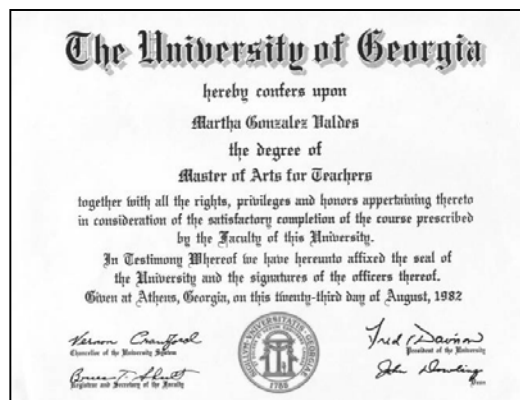
Mrs. Martha González Valdés



Mrs. Martha González Valdés was born in Cuba on August 31, 1933. She earned a Ph.D. in education at Havana University in 1960 and a Master of Arts degree at the University of Georgia in 1982.

Senora Valdés devoted 28 years to Houston County's students. She taught Spanish at Warner Robins High her entire career. She was named the Warner Robins High Teacher of the Year three times and a STAR Teacher in 1976. She has inspired many students to continue Spanish studies. Many have become teachers, interpreters, and international travelers.

Mrs. Valdés served in many professional organizations to include the Georgia Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, which honored her as the Foreign Language Teacher of the Year in 1986, the most prestigious award a foreign teacher can earn. She retired in 1994 and resides in Fort Valley.



“Her classroom was an environment that fostered superlative creativity and curiosity on many levels.”

~ Bobbie Eakes, former student

“Mrs. Valdés was a great role model for her students. Originally born in Cuba, she fled Fidel Castro’s horrible dictatorship to smell the sweet air of freedom in the United States. She often took time to tell us just how fortunate we were to be Americans, and to cherish our country and our freedoms. And she made learning exciting, interesting and fun.”

~ Peter Economy, former student