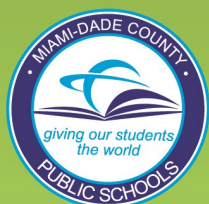


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Working with SAVES and Contributing to Society

Ms. Yailin Lopez was born in Santa Clara, Cuba. Ms. Lopez' dream, from a very early age, was to come to the United States, but due to the political and economic situation in Cuba, she decided to go to Ecuador first and from there travel to the United States. Ms. Lopez arrived in October of 2015, leaving a big part of her life behind to begin a new life in this country.

Ms. Lopez studied Computer Science in Cuba and graduated in 2007. She also graduated from Central University of Las Villas with a Bachelor's Degree in Socio-Cultural Studies in 2014. During this year, Ms. Lopez also enrolled in English classes to prepare for her new life in the United States. In October of 2015, when she came to this country, Ms. Lopez participated in various conferences devoted to refugees. Not long after, she enrolled in the ESOL program at The English Center to improve her English.

After completing two levels of ESOL, she registered in the Network System Administrator Course to update her knowledge and skills in this field. Soon after, Ms. Lopez was hired as a cashier at the English Center, where she uses the knowledge acquired in class. She is highly motivated and is preparing for the industry certification test (COMPTIA). Ms. Lopez feels that her life is beginning to change since she has a job and is enrolled in a professional course.

Aside from working at the school as a cashier, Ms. Lopez volunteers her time to the school and is proud to learn from that

experience. She is thankful to her supervisors for their support and is grateful to be a part of the SAVES program. SAVES payed her tuition/fees and provided the instructional materials needed for her classes. She feels that the SAVES program empowered her to meet all the requirements necessary to achieve her goals.

Ms. Lopez says that her dream is coming through and she feels one day closer to becoming a very productive member of this society. She thanks the administrators, teachers, and co-workers for being part of her life. She is also thankful to be in this great country that offers so many opportunities and allows her to fulfill her dreams.

