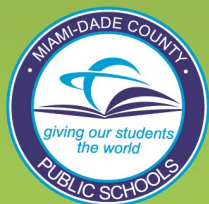


# SAVES Program

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## A Dream Come True

Ms. Marlene Sanchez is originally from Santa Clara, Cuba, where in 1995 she completed the Cosmetology Program as part of her high school degree. Ms. Sanchez worked as a self-employed hairdresser in Cuba from 1995 to 2016.

Ms. Sanchez came to the United States with her husband and two children on November 19, 2016, as a Parolee, under the Family Reunification Program. She started working as an assistant hairdresser in Miami, where she did everything as a hairdresser, except work with chemicals. Ms. Sanchez said that she always wanted to be a hairdresser and was “fascinated by Cosmetology.” She indicated that as a child, she enjoyed cutting the hair of her friends.

She started the Cosmetology Program, as a SAVES student, at Southwest Adult and Community Education Center in January 2017. She completed Cosmetology 1 – Grooming and Salon in 2016 2; Cosmetology 2 – Hairdresser 1 in 2016 3; and, Cosmetology 3 – Hairdresser 2 in 2017 1. She is preparing to take her licensing exams.

Ms. Sanchez is very grateful for the SAVES Program that paid for her Cosmetology classes and allowed her to

prepare to obtain in Miami the necessary licenses. She is also very grateful that SAVES paid for her books and equipment. Whether in Cuba or Miami, she’s still “fascinated by Cosmetology.” We wish Ms. Sanchez success in this career in the future.

