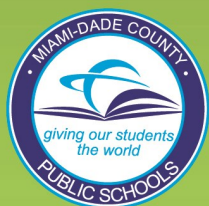


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“The Time Spent at the School was Worth it.”

Mr. Vicente Valles is from Cuba. He arrived in The United States in 2016 with the purpose of reuniting with his family. Upon arriving in the United States, he heard about the SAVES program, a program that opens its doors to refugees and asylees by providing them the opportunities to learn English and enroll in vocational courses. Both will help them achieve their goals in finding better employments and becoming a productive member of this society. In Cuba, Mr. Valles worked as mechanical engineer.

Mr. Valles came to the English Center and received professional guidance. He was interested in the Air Conditioning (A/C) Course. He went to the SAVES office at the school and spoke with a SAVES staff who provided one-on-one orientation, did his intake, and gave him vouchers to pay for his tuition and instructional materials for the A/C program. Mr. Valles enrolled in the A/C program and did well. Mr. Valles works as an elevator repairman and an installer. He saw the possibility of expanding his knowledge by enrolling in a technical course that could benefit him in his field, as a mechanical engineer. He graduated from the A/C course as a technician in air

conditioning, expanding his technical spectrum and with the hope of getting employed in the field. Mr. Valles would like to thank the instructors, administrators, and staff of The English Center for providing a safe learning environment for everyone. He also would like to give special thanks to the SAVES program for providing the tools he needed to enroll and to complete the program and the SAVES staff for their help and support throughout his journey at the school. According to him, “The time spent at the school was worth it.”

