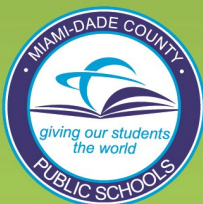


# SAVES Program

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## Thank You, SAVES

Ms. Isabel Gomez is from Cuba. She arrived in The United States in 2016 with the purpose of reuniting with her family. After arriving in the United States, she heard about SAVES, a program sponsored by the Department of Children and Families that opens its doors by providing opportunities to immigrants to learn English and enroll in vocational courses to achieve their goals in finding better employments and becoming self-sufficient. In Cuba, Mrs. Gomez was professor of Economics at the University of Havana.

Ms. Gomez is working as a Home Health Aide. She saw the possibility of expanding her knowledge by taking a vocational course that will help her and her family and decided to go back to school. She went to the English Center to receive professional guidance because she was interested in the Cosmetology course. She was referred to the SAVES office and met the SAVES staff who welcomed her and provided one-on one orientation. She then received a tuition voucher to register for the Cosmetology course and another voucher for instructional materials for the program. It was a big change from being a university professor to entering, according to

her, “the magical world of cosmetology.” She graduated from the cosmetology course at the English Center and is ready to embark in her new career.

Ms. Gomez would like to thank the group of professors for their professionalism in transmitting their knowledge to the students and the SAVES representatives for their help, support, and guidance. Above all, she is grateful to the SAVES program because “if it were not for SAVES, I would not be able to reach this very important milestone in my life.”



