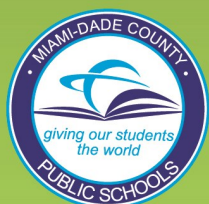


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## Perseverance is Key

On December 22, 2013, Mr. Amaury Ordaz arrived in the United States eager to start a new life. Born in Havana Cuba, this Cuban immigrant was ready to do whatever it took to prosper. Luckily, one of his co-workers spoke to him about the SAVES program and he was intrigued. Mr. Ordaz went to American Adult Education Center and began his English classes. He was later referred to Miami Lakes Technical College where he received free tuition to enroll in the Commercial Vehicle Driving course. Mr. Ordaz obtained his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and got a job as a commercial driver. Shortly after, he realized that he wanted more.

Mr. Ordaz returned to American Adult Education Center to seek something different and found his calling when he came across the Hemodialysis courses. When he was younger, he always wanted to work in the medical field. He enrolled in the Hemodialysis courses. In April 2016, he began as a volunteer at Jackson Memorial Hospital in the field. Two

weeks after, he was offered a position at the Apollo Renal Center in the same hospital. He graduated in March of 2018 and is still working at Jackson Hospital. Mr. Ordaz enjoyed his courses at American Adult Education Center and said: "When you like something, you always have a good time." This is the perfect example of how the SAVES program can help students to pursue their dreams, if they persevere. Mr. Ordaz is extremely grateful to the SAVES program for opening so many doors for a better future. The SAVES staff wishes him all the best.

