

SAVES Program

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SAVES OFFERED STUDENT AN ALTERNATIVE

In February 2016, life changed for a 17-year-old Cuban young man, Guillermo Gonzalez, who became part of the GED program at Robert Morgan Educational Center and Technical College. After arriving from Cuba with his family, Mr. Gonzalez came to the school to inquire about the possibility to earn his high school diploma or its equivalent, so he could continue with his education. Mr. Gonzalez also wanted to register for ESOL classes.

After speaking with a counselor, Mr. Gonzalez was referred to the SAVES office because he was eligible for the program. As many immigrant families, Mr. Gonzalez's family was facing financial difficulties and could not afford to pay the fees for Guillermo to register for the GED and ESOL classes and to purchase books. The SAVES program paid the block tuition fees for Mr. Gonzalez to register for classes, provided his books, and paid for his GED tests.

Mr. Gonzalez completed the GED program in Spanish on February 14, 2017. He then enrolled in the Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes to improve his English, math, and reading skills to be able to take the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) and obtain the scores that are required to enroll in a career technical program. With his GED diploma, he saw the possibility to apply for admission to the Computer Network System program.

The SAVES program paid for Mr. Gonzalez to register in this course and provided the text book needed for the class. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he could have chosen any other classes that are offered at the school, but he said he chose the computer course because "the future is in technology and everybody must be prepared for it." The SAVES program wishes him success in his future endeavors.

