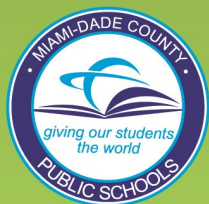


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My Long-time Dream of Becoming a Hairdresser Has Been Fulfilled!

Mr. Raul Perez has been a student at Southwest Adult Education Center since March of 2018 in the Cosmetology Program. He was born in Pinar del Rio, Cuba in 1960 and has a degree in Economics Technology; but his real love has always been Barbering and Hairdressing. In Cuba, he took a year's course in Barbering and worked as a self-employed barber from his own home for 15 years. He wanted to become a hairdresser in Cuba, but he did not have the opportunity to take classes in Cosmetology.

Mr. Perez arrived in the United States in June of 2015. He was given Parolee status and is now a Permanent Resident. Two days after he arrived in Miami, he got his first job. After that, he worked at random jobs until he was able to start classes at Southwest Adult Education Center. Mr. Perez has been a great student. He has completed two terms in Cosmetology that included Grooming & Salon and Hairdresser 1. He is now taking Hairdresser 2. By the end of February 2019, he will have enough hours to apply for his licensing exam.

While attending Cosmetology classes, Mr. Perez works as an assistant beautician. He plans to complete this term in full so that he will be better prepared for the licensing exam.

Mr. Perez is very grateful to have been granted entry in the United States. He is much appreciative of the SAVES program

for, in his own words, "giving me the opportunity to fulfill my long-time dream of becoming a Hairdresser." The SAVES staff wishes him success.

