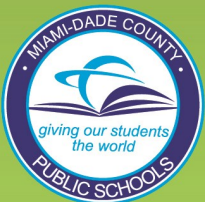


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### Maritza Araque's Story: Overcoming Obstacles

Ms. Araque is from Venezuela. She was born in Maracay, the capital of the State of Aragua. She arrived in the United States in August 2017 and received her political asylum in 2018. She studied Social Communication (Journalism) at the Central University of Venezuela. Since her graduation as a journalist, her work has been directed to the area of online press, writing in magazines, and managing social networks. She was also a coordinator in the area of entertainment and travel for several years. She wants to continue her specialization in the written press and work in that area. Since February of this month, she has been a contributing writer for Miami Diario, an online newspaper, where she has the opportunity to practice her profession.

For about nine months, Ms. Araque has had the pleasure to attend The English Center, a great institution that has given her the opportunity to improve her English and to train in a technical program, Media and Multimedia Design. Now she dreams of continuing to overcome obstacles, to get to work as a Graphic Designer, and to be fluent in the English language.

Ms. Araque thanks The English Center for being a great institution. She also thanks the beautiful people who work at the SAVES office and care about their

students. She is grateful to her English teachers who every day encourage her to be better and, of course, her Media and Multimedia Design professor, Mr. Percy Ordoñez, who has given her the tools to navigate into the world of art and design.

