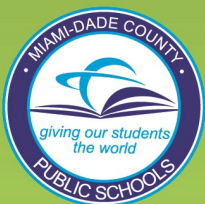


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Ms. Camila Leon is 20 years old. She was born in Cuban and came to the United States in 2016. When she arrived in this country, she was worried about a new beginning since the educational system in her country is different from the one here. On April 25, 2016, she went to Miami Springs Adult Education Center and enrolled in English for Speakers of Other languages (ESOL) and the Success Management Academy (SMA), a GED in Spanish program. Her time in the SMA program and the subject areas learned proved to be essential in her being able to continue pursuing her career goals.

She wants to give special thanks to the SAVES program for opening the doors and giving her the opportunity to complete her high school. She is grateful for this excellent program that opens doors for refugees, so that they may achieve their dreams in this great country. She would also like to thank the SAVES program for the opportunity to learn the English language, which is another extraordinary benefit to her.

Ms. Leon is currently enrolled at Miami-Dade College, where she is working towards her Associate in Arts degree. Later, she will attend Florida International University (FIU) to continue her medical career. She will always remember her experiences in the SAVES program because they are part of the future that she had envisioned and the path she had already created and traveled. She said:

“I am focused on what I need, but I greatly appreciate what I have earned.”

