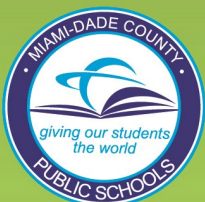


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Jose Bastidas graduated from Alejandro de Humboldt University in Caracas, Venezuela. For 23 years, he worked in the field of telecommunications before emigrating. Jose left Venezuela with his wife because of the threats his wife received for her work as a journalist. He understood starting from scratch would not be easy and was relieved when he was welcomed with open arms by the English Center.

The English Center became Jose's second home and he enjoyed his ability to study at such a large educational facility. His teacher, Ms. Caridad, referred him to the SAVES program to help him pay for his education in Digital Design. The SAVES program helped Jose since the beginning of his pursuit to accomplish his goals by paying for his tuition, books, and supplies. He is grateful to the SAVES program for enabling him to study the exciting profession of Digital Design. In Jose's design classes, he learned the necessary skills to be a great Digital Designer from his encouraging teacher Mr. Ordonez.

Since the pandemic, Jose has continued his classes virtually. He still has the full support of the SAVES program and his amazing Design teacher online. Jose thanks his teacher and especially the SAVES program for being the much needed relief and guide for immigrants in the

U.S. He is proud to be a student at the English Center and in the SAVES program.

