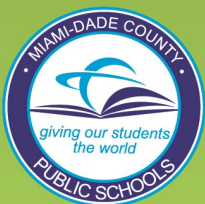


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## From Graduate to Graphic Designer

Tania Jane made the difficult decision to leave her family in Havana, Cuba in search of better opportunities in 2015. She flew to Mexico and entered the United States in Laredo, Texas. She had two brothers living in Florida so she moved to Miami to join them. In Cuba, she earned a degree in Medical Sciences and Marketing in Havana, but her interests were always in photography, the printing press, and graphic design. She developed the interest in her childhood, after noticing her father and other family members had a passion for computer design.

When her sister-in-law told her about The English Center, she registered to study English; however, her interest in design was her ultimate goal. Tania's childhood interest developed into a full on passion for computer design that she felt was in her blood. She discovered the SAVES program and qualified. She enrolled in the 600 hour Digital Design I Program with much relief because the SAVES program was paying for her books, tuition, and supplies. She continued toward her career path to enroll in Digital Design II with SAVES full continued support. Today, Tania is working on a project to create her own website using three tools: Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign. Her career plan is to be a freelance graphic designer. She feels like the English Center is her home. All the students she has studied with, including

the digital design teacher Mr. Jose Lira and his assistant Ms. Lisette Arroyo, are part of her family. She is very grateful to the SAVES program for giving her the opportunity to fulfill her dreams.

