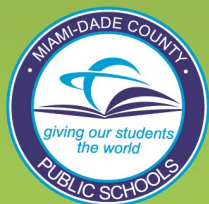


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Nuriel Serrano, 35, was an ESOL student at Southwest Adult & Community Education Center (SWAC). Mr. Serrano graduated from a Technological Center in Cuba, where he studied Automobile Bodyshop and Painting in an Adult Education School. After he graduated from the Technological Center, he couldn't find a job in the field; so, he worked in a warehouse for a year and later, started working in a Bodyshop.

After a while, Mr. Serrano realized that he and his son did not have a future in Cuba. He emigrated from Cuba to the United States with his son to look for a better financial future and basic liberties for the two of them. It took him about 4 months to plan his trip to the U.S.A. In December 2016, they traveled to Mexico and crossed the U.S.– Mexico border at Laredo, Texas, where he requested and was granted "Parolee" status under the Cuban Adjustment Act. He and his son made their way to Miami and eventually became U.S. Residents. In Miami, he got a job in an Automobile Bodyshop.

Mr. Serrano was referred to the SAVES Program by his family and friends. He enrolled at SWAC to take ESOL classes. He started in ESOL Low Beginning in August 2019 and advanced to the ESOL-High Beginning. He planned to improve his English communication skills, become a U.S. citizen, and open his own Bodyshop. He also wanted his son to become a U.S. Citizen and eventually attend college.

Mr. Serrano is very thankful for the help and counseling the SAVES Program has provided him. He is grateful that his ESOL tuition and books were all paid for. For this reason, he was happy to say, "Thank You, SAVES."

