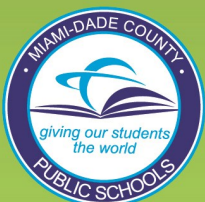


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Perseverance and Determination

Meet Yadira Perez. She arrived in the United States on October 11, 2015 from Cuba where she was born and raised. She was determined to give her daughter a better life in this great country. She worked as a waitress at a tourist hotel in Cuba. Struggling to meet her family's needs this experience gave her an opportunity to learn English.

She was referred to the SAVES program by Workforce Family and Children Services. Immediately, determined and without hesitation, she enrolled in the English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program at South Dade Technical College to improve her English skills.

Upon completing the ESOL and Adult Basic Education (ABE) program she then transitioned into the Pharmacy Technician program in January 2017. While studying as a student she found out that she was pregnant. Her baby was born October 2017. After her maternity leave, she came back as a full-time student in August 2018 to finish her educational journey. She graduated as a registered and certified Pharmacy Technician in December 2018.

Soon thereafter, she was hired by Walmart Pharmacy as a Pharmacy Technician. She states, "Don't stop pursuing your dreams; perseverance and determination is the key to success in your career. It's really about the one who wants and the one who can do it. You need an

education to have the opportunity for a good paying job. I am thankful to God above all things, to my spouse and to my cousin that gave me place to stay when I arrived into this country."

"I am thankful to South Dade Technical College and the Skills Center Campus faculty and staff that made it possible for me to have accomplished my dream." Yadira is thankful to the SAVES program to have supported her in order to be a successful Registered Certified Pharmacy Technician. SAVES wishes Yadira the best and continued success.

