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Born in Cuba, Zuleimy Serret Rodriguez immigrated to the United States just two years ago with her husband and two children. She left her home country in hopes of giving her children a better life. Although it was hard leaving her family behind, they eventually settled down in Miami.

Zuleimy started working in a souvenir factory to provide for her family. It was there that a friend told her about Hialeah Adult Education Center and the English classes they provide. After hearing about the school, Zuleimy decided to enroll in ESOL classes with the mindset that this would create better work opportunities. However, going back to school was a challenge for her as she had to leave her husband to care for their children alone while she worked during the day and attended school at night, leaving her exhausted by the end of the day.

Once Zuleimy completed the ESOL program, she felt confident and motivated to continue her studies. She enrolled in the Patient Care Technician program with the financial assistance of the S.A.V.E.S. program, which paid her tuition, books, and materials. She is very thankful for the help the S.A.V.E.S. program provided, for if it were not for them, she would not have been able to continue her education.

After a year of perseverance, her hard work paid off. With support from her teachers, she landed a job in the health field. Presently, she is working as a Home Health Assistant. "I love my job. I am passionate about helping and taking care of the elderly. I would like to thank the people at Hialeah Adult Education Center for changing my life".

