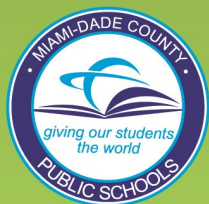


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## The passion to succeed

Santos Guilarte was born and raised in Cuba until age 17, where his parents decided to leave Cuba and journey to the United States in search of a better life. Upon his arrival, there were many challenges placed before him. Learning a new language and adapting to a new culture was one of many. Having witnessed the sacrifices his parents made and the hard work they endured, it was important not to waste this opportunity.

After doing some research, Santos came across the S.A.V.E.S program, perfect for his situation. He is beyond grateful for the SAVES program, where he received academic guidance and financial support. SAVES allowed him to continue his education, and in 2016, Santos completed his General Equivalency Degree. He was also able to find his passion for pharmaceutical science and continued his education with Miami Dade College, where he graduated in 2019 with Highest Honors.

Currently, Santos is attending Nova Southeastern University to complete his Doctorate in Pharmacy. With the help of the SAVES program, he was able to accomplish his goals be where he is today, working towards his doctorate. "Our accomplishments are defined as much by our determination and perseverance as by the events themselves. Having the support of S.A.V.E.S. during my early educa-

tional career lead to many means of opportunities and success".

