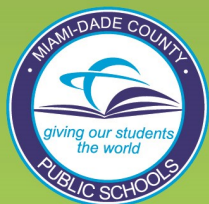


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Projecting himself into the Future

Mr. Carlos Ovalles is a Venezuelan immigrant who made the hard decision to leave his country to come to the USA for a better life due to Venezuela's political, social, and economic difficulties. Carlos Ovalles arrived in the United States in December 2019 with the understanding that he needed to integrate into a new way of life and acquire knowledge to advance and support himself. The English Center was recommended to his mother, so both decided to study together to learn English and provide each other mutual support.

While studying English, his asylum was approved, and he was presented with the opportunity to study for a technical career through the SAVES program. Mr. Ovalles chose Digital Design because he believes that it is the field of the future considering the evolution of digital content in the market. He feels that it has been a marvelous experience.

Mr. Ovalles added that since he and his mother decided to go to school together, people might expect for him to be embarrassed to be in the same class. He clarifies that his mother is his best friend, his pride, and an example to follow. Mr. Ovalles added that they support each other and when one feels defeated, the other helps and push forward.

Carlos Ovalles has expressed that The English Center is a wonderful place. There is a great deal to learn, including English, vocational classes, and technical careers. He feels fortunate to be able take classes in both areas, English and Digital Design. While the English is helping him every day to improve his abilities, he is more and more content to acquire the knowledge that will allow him to work competitively in the area of digital design through his career technical studies.

