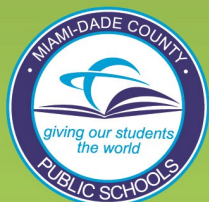


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Discovering and polishing new skills with SAVES

When Omara Caballero was 17 years old, she immigrated to the United States from Cuba. Omara's parents started looking for schools as soon as they arrived in the U.S. so that she could finish high school. Education for Omara was their top objective.

Omara joined the Success Management Academy (SMA) program at Hialeah Gardens High School, where she was able to finish her high school career. Due to her inadequate English at the time, Omara had no choice but to finish her lessons in Spanish with the program. After obtaining her high school diploma, Omara had another priority which was to learn the English language, therefore searching for options to embrace her goal, Omara discovered the SAVES program after talking with the program coordinator and learned that besides English she could obtain extra perks and assistance to polish her studies in another field. Omara received assistance from the SAVES program with her college costs and gained access to new employment prospects, including vocational courses in the medical field.

Omara was able to finish high school, get her diploma, learn English, and continue her studies in the medical sector all within the same year. Omara is currently pursuing her career goals in medicine, where

she also got the chance to enroll in our medical assistance program's practical courses in phlebotomy and electrocardiography. Omara is appreciative today of the chance that the SAVES program has given her and hopes the best for the future students that are to come with her message below.

"I hope that this fantastic initiative will continue to help other immigrants who, like me, have always needed a helping hand to be able to go to this wonderful nation."

