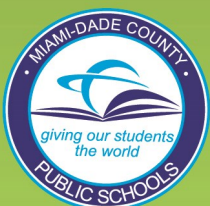


# SAVES Program



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## Joining the Beauty Industry with SAVES

Yileidis Crepo Palma was only 33 years old when she arrived in the United States. She was born and raised in Cuba and migrated to the United States in February 2023. Even though she has been in this country for less than a year, she has dedicated these months to improving herself and gaining employability skills. Yileidis knew that going to school would be the first step in securing a stable income and a better future in the United States.

In Cuba, Yileidis worked as a nail and wax technician. Through word-of-mouth, she found South Dade Technical College in Homestead, Florida. She was confident that the nail technician and esthetician courses were a perfect fit for her and her career goals. What better way to start than doing what she loves doing? When she inquired about the technical programs, the school informed her about the SAVES program and its assistance to recent arrivals from other countries.

Yileidis appreciates the SAVES program for helping her achieve her career goals in the beauty industry. Thanks to this opportunity, Yileidis was able to grow professionally and further her knowledge as a Licensed Full Specialist. Yileidis states, "My efforts and struggles have been worth it. My past and current challenges, have helped me be-

come stronger and more determined to reach my objectives!"

Her future goals include improving her English, owning a beauty salon, and taking a Medical Assisting course. Yileidis would like to encourage others to never stop believing in themselves. "Whenever you want something, it is possible. The words, 'I can't' only exist in your mind; do not let them limit you. Most importantly, always have GOD present in your hearts and never lose faith

