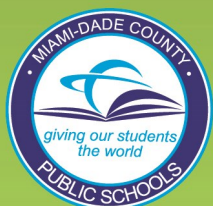


# SAVES Program

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## Moving forward with SAVES

Roxana De La Caridad Guzman was born in Cuba. She decided to create a better life for her family and for herself, which is the reason she decided to come to the United States. When Ms. Guzman got here, she faced lots of struggles. Not only did she not know how to speak English, but she was unable to find a job due to her lack of occupational skills. As a twenty-two year old young woman she was undecided on what she wanted to study but still had a deep interest in pursuing a career as she knew how important it was for her future to continue with her studies. She received news from the SAVES program; therefore, she decided to apply for it in hopes of qualifying for the program and obtaining the help she needed. Roxana was fortunate enough to qualify for the program. Since then, her educational life has dramatically changed.

She knew she had to better her English, so she joined the ESOL program at Hialeah Gardens High School. Her English rapidly improved starting at a basic level of English all the way to the highest level in just few months. In the process of completing her English classes she discovered her passion for medicine as she wanted to help others when they felt unhealthy. Therefore a year after joining SAVES and feeling comfortable with the English language, she joined the Basic

Health Care Worker course wanting to pursue her interest in the medical field. She not only completed those classes with exceptional results, but she also continued her education by joining the Electrocardiograph program.

Today, Roxana is finally graduating and is on the path to receive her EKG Certificate. She is extremely grateful for the SAVES program, which gave her the opportunity to follow her dreams in this country. She is aware that without that help she would not have had the chance to be where she is right now. Her journey from a newcomer to a successful graduate is a testament to her resilience and determination.

