



# SAVES



## Miami-Dade County Public Schools

### SAVES Student Aspires to Her Own Business

The SAVES Program serves the refugee/asylee adult education students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Currently, our program is offered at 15 of the county's 22 Adult Education Centers. One of these centers is Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. Located at 750 NW 20<sup>th</sup> St. Miami, FL 33127, Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center was the first vocational/technical center built in Miami-Dade County.

The school serves more than 12,000 students each year, including SAVES students, in both vocational/technical and adult general education programs. Today, under the leadership of Ms. Rosa Borgen, the school offers classes to the public beginning as early as 8:00 AM and ending as late as 10:30 PM.



Beatrice Jean practices massage on Mr. Felgar

One of these SAVES students preparing at Lindsey for her future is Beatrice Jean. Born and raised in Haiti, Beatrice decided to move to the U.S. to pursue a more prosperous life. Faced with the challenges of living in a new environment, Ms. Jean decided that the first important step was to learn English. To do so, Beatrice enrolled at Lindsey Hopkins. It was at Lindsey where Beatrice first heard of the SAVES Program and the many benefits it provides to eligible students. Under the guidance of Mr. Jose Felgar and

Mr. Sylvain St. Fleur, the SAVES Program at Lindsey has helped many students, including a large number a Haitians. These students are provided with free on-site child care, ESOL classes, three trimesters of vocational classes, the books required for their classes, and bus passes.

With a remarkable work habit and a positive attitude, Beatrice Jean successfully completed enough levels of ESOL to be able to enroll in a vocational program. Beatrice enrolled in the Massage Therapy Program at Lindsey Hopkins, the only Massage Therapy Program offered through Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Taught by Mr. Jack Cheetam, the students are required to learn about human anatomy, hydrotherapy, and nutrition. The goal of the program is to train massage therapists who are licensed professionals involved in the health care field. Past graduates are employed throughout the United States and the world in day spas, hotels, cruise ships, doctors' offices, and their own businesses.

Down the line, Beatrice Jean plans on opening her own massage therapy business. With a determination like hers, we don't see what can keep this SAVES student from reaching her goal. Good luck, Beatrice!



Ms. Rosa Borgen, proud principal of Lindsey

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