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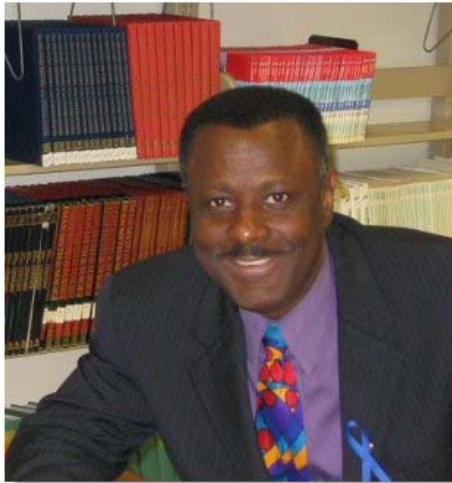


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SAVES' May District Meeting Celebrates Haitian Heritage

The entire SAVES staff would like to thank the North Miami Adult Center for hosting one of the best monthly district meetings in the history of the program. The meeting was held on May 18th, 2005.



Mr. Prudent put on a great cultural show

Since this date coincided with Haitian Flag Day, the school, many of the students, and some of the faculty were dressed and decorated with the Haitian colors.

To commemorate the occasion, there were a series of events planned by Mr. Prudent, the North Miami Adult Center principal, and his staff, including Millie Suarez and Yves Bataille. After the appetizers and refreshments, Mr. Prudent introduced Mr. Claude Charles.

Mr. Charles is a historian who gave a presentation on the Haitian Revolution, and how this revolution was a major influence in American history and the historical revolutionary wars of South and Central America.

After the presentation, the entire SAVES staff was invited to enjoy a lavish Haitian meal.

During this meeting, Dr. Edwina Hoffman, director of the SAVES program, was given a plaque and a certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the North Miami Adult Education Center and the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for her dedication to the adult students of Miami-Dade County and for being a strong voice for Haitian Refugees.

After the meeting's agenda was completed, Mr. Prudent and his staff had one more surprise for the SAVES staff. We were treated to a performance by the Laissez-Faire Dance Repertoire, directed by Bernadette Toussaint-Pierre. The performance was a Haitian folkloric dance performed by two members of the dance company. On behalf of every SAVES staff member present at the meeting, we would like to thank Mr. Prudent and his staff for their efforts and generosity.



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