



SAVES



James Alexandre - Success Story

Born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, I am James Alexandre, a student at D.A. Dorsey Educational Center. Today, I am very thrilled to talk about the privileges that I am enjoying in the SAVES Program.

I would like to go back to the beginning a little bit, where I dreamt of being a scientist in Pharmacology, so I could fabricate medicines to cure diseases. I attempted to achieve this goal by involving myself into the competitive entry examination organized every year by the Haiti State University. I failed the medicine field test, but I fortunately passed the business administration test. So I entered the State University and studied business administration.

In June 2004, I was forced to leave my country because of the critical political situation and I landed in Miami, where I took my first steps at Notre Dame English School. One day, my teacher asked me to meet Ms. Marie Philogene in the office for some advice. I did meet her, and she started to provide me with some basic information about the SAVES Program. I was fascinated by the fact that the SAVES program would pay for vocational classes, such as: Licensed Practical Nursing, Patient Care Technician, or Pharmacy Tech.



Mr. Alexandre and his SAVES coordinator Ms. Philogene

This program meets my needs and is saving my life. Right now at D. A. Dorsey, I am enrolled in the nursing program, where I am studying to be a Patient Care Technician(PCT). I hear many Haitians and Spanish people speak highly of this program. That is why I combine their voices with mine throughout these lines to thank those who support and work diligently in order to keep the program alive, and more precisely those who instruct, encourage and incite students to get involved. Personally, SAVES is to me as water is to life because it helps me take my first steps in the medical field to be useful to society.

I plan to be more than a PCT in the future, as long as my immigration status changes and I am allowed to live in this country.

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