



# SAVES

## Miami-Dade County Public Schools

### A Very Ambitious SAVES Client

My name is Marie K. Fevrier. I am from Haiti, and I came to the United States on September 21, 2001. In Haiti, I was the owner and teacher of a kindergarten school. I am married and have two children. On January 2002, I registered at North Miami Adult Education Center to start learning English. Back then, I was not able to speak English, but I was able to read and write it; however, when my teacher asked me a question in class, I was shy to answer because I was afraid that other students would laugh at me.

Nevertheless, I am very ambitious to speak the English language, and when I go home at night after class, I check my class work, I check words that I don't understand in the dictionary, and I am always curious to ask others for the meaning of words that I don't understand. I started in Pre-ESOL and then continued with ESOL Foundations, ESOL-1, ESOL-2, ESOL-3, ESOL-4, and now I'm enrolled in Cosmetology. All these courses demand lots of sacrifices, because I have to take care of my house and my family at the same time.

To tell the truth, becoming a hair stylist has always been one of my biggest ambitions since I was a teenage girl. To make a long story short, I remember when I saw women graduate from Cosmetology school in Haiti. I dreamed to become one of them too, but I did not have the money to pay for the courses and supplies. Now, I am about to reach my goal, to become a Hair Stylist soon.

A special thanks to the SAVES Program that provided me all the "Free Books", "Bus Passes", "Free Tuition" for the Cosmetology Program during my first three semesters and also helped me to find Financial Aid and a Scholarship. I believe that I would not be able to reach such a goal without this program. For this reason, from the bottom of my heart, I sincerely send many thanks to all of the "SAVES" staff, especially to those at North Miami Adult Education Center, including my ESOL teachers, my "SAVES" counselor, Ms. Bataille, my vocational counselor, Ms. Suarez, and my cosmetology teacher, Ms. Smith.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, I am six months away from receiving my Cosmetology Certificate. This will be a memory of my life that I will never forget. Thank you again for all the help.



SAVES client Marie K. Fevrier (center) with Ms. Bataille and her Cosmetology teacher, Ms. Smith.

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