



SAVES

From Havana a Future Registered Nurse

My name is Yenia Gonzalez, and I was born in Havana, Cuba. I came to the United States on June 13, 2008. I left behind my family and friends when I decided to leave the country. This was my opportunity to immigrate to the United States and begin a whole new life.



Yenia—A New Beginning

I knew it was a hard decision for me to leave my family behind, but it was going to be my only opportunity to leave Cuba. Once I arrived in this country, my mother, who lived here in Miami before I arrived, informed me about the SAVES Program that was offered at Hialeah Adult Education Center. She had heard about the SAVES Program through their show on Radio Mambí (710 AM), and from

personal testimony of a friend of hers that had received assistance through this wonderful program.

On July 24, 2008, I registered at Hialeah Adult Education Center and started learning English in the morning and taking Patient Care Technician courses Monday through Thursday. My future plans are to become a registered nurse. I know that with the assistance and support of the SAVES Program and the staff at Hialeah Adult, my dream will become a reality.

I am very grateful for the support of all my teachers in the Patient Care Technician program and ESOL program for their support. The SAVES Program has helped me greatly, providing the opportunity of accelerating in my life with the assistance of the programs that are offered through SAVES. SAVES has offered me tuition and books that were needed for my courses. I would recommend this program to everyone. It is a program that is full of opportunities, and as students we should take every opportunity offered to us.

I would like to thank everyone in SAVES for all their support and the help they have given me. Thank you SAVES!

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