



# SAVES

## Naylinn Barreda, a SAVES Success Story from Miami Beach Adult

# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

My name is Naylinn Barreda, and I was born in Havana, Cuba. After I finished high school in 1992, I decided to study foreign languages because it was my passion. I started with English and then with German at the Cathedra Humboldt University. It was there that German professors taught open courses, and I fine tuned my skills with these fascinating languages.



Ms. Barreda—A language wizard

I recall that being admitted to this university was one of the happiest moments of my life. At the same time though, I began to study hospitality at a nearby technical school.

When I completed my studies, I began working at the Melia Cohiba Hotel and then at the Comodoro Hotel in Havana. It was a great experience, and I met many wonderful people during that time.

I arrived to the United States in August, 2006. During the time that my documents were being processed, a friend of mine told me about a place that would help me find a job; South Florida Workforce of the Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce. There, I met wonderful people who told me about jobs, counseled me about the SAVES Program, and referred me to Miami Beach Adult Center.

I continued my computer studies at the school under the supervision of outstanding professors who offered the best of themselves to all the students and encouraged us to go on. With the help of all the people I mentioned before, and with the skills that I learned with the help of the SAVES Program, I started working at the hotel Four Points by Sheraton as an assistant manager in the Reservation Department. It was a great experience. After a few months, I was called for an interview with the Miami Beach Latin Chamber of Commerce, and they offered me a position as a Case Manager Aide. I feel very happy. This place helped me so many times, and now they are giving me the opportunity to help other people who recently arrived to this country.

I would like to thank the SAVES Program and the professors who helped me and taught me so well. I recommend the program to everyone who comes to this country looking for the opportunities that this program offers: to learn the English language, learn new skills, professions, and everything you need to start a new life.

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