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Geras Mianeza, a SAVES Success Story

Geras Mianeza is a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Born in Kinshasa, the capital of this African nation, Geras arrived in Miami on March 30th, 2005. His refugee status was granted due to the political instability and violence sweeping his homeland.



Geras and Ms. Ramos, SAVES contact at Robert Morgan

After Geras completed his level 4 ESOL course, he decided to enroll in the Building Technology Vocational Program at Robert Morgan. The SAVES Program paid for his books and tuition expenses. Geras also applied for and received the SAVES STARS Scholarship, which covered the tuition for his fourth and final trimester in the program.

During his time at Robert Morgan, Geras gained the affection of all his teachers, the SAVES staff and his peers. Everyone was very happy to see him graduate on March 29, 2007, almost two years to the day after arriving in the U.S.

Today, Geras fluently speaks English, and he can have conversations in Spanish as well. His plans are to become an electrician contractor and live comfortably in the U.S. We wish the very best to this proud student in all his endeavors.

At the young age of 17, Geras found himself in a new world. In Miami, there are few African immigrants. According to him, almost everyone either spoke English or Spanish, and this made the decision to learn English that much more important.

As a result, Geras Mianeza enrolled in ESOL classes at Robert Morgan Vocational and Technical Center. Because he is a refugee, a counselor at the school realized he was eligible for the SAVES Program and referred him to our SAVES staff.



Everyone is happy for Geras' success

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