



# SAVES

## SAVES Student Has Passion for the Arts

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

My name is Greisel Dominguez, and I was born in Ciego de Avila, Cuba. Growing up, I attended the local elementary art school, where I studied piano and choral conducting. Then I moved to Havana, to continue my music studies in choral conducting at The National Art School, graduating in 1997. I went back to my hometown and began working for the same



Ms. Greisel Dominguez - A truly creative person

school where I had studied. It was there that along with two colleagues, we formed a classical vocal trio which gave us the opportunity to promote lyrical art across Cuba.

In 2001, I began to study lyrical performance. That is when my career as a soloist began. At the same time, I anchored a children's TV program where I highlighted the accomplishments of local students in the arts. As you can see, music and education have been passions that I have pursued throughout my life.

In 2005, I left Cuba in search of a better future. I first arrived in Paraguay, South America, where I stayed for about one month. I knew that my final destination was Miami, but the long journey

was just a part of the road to pursue my dreams.

While living in the US, I realized that one of my most important priorities was to study English. The ability to understand, speak, read and write the English language will allow me to find a well paying job, and to become an active participant in my new community. Shortly after arriving in Miami, I heard about the SAVES Program at The English Center. I contacted the schools and enrolled in ESOL classes.

I have to express my gratitude to the SAVES Program, its staff, and to my favorite teacher, Dr Gemma Santos, for being so supportive and encouraging. As a SAVES participant, I have been able to study ESOL in a very caring and welcoming environment. I am very grateful for all their assistance and guidance.

Recently, I began researching the field of opera in Miami. I auditioned for the Florida Grand Opera, and I was fortunate enough to be selected as a soprano for the Aida production. We performed various times at the newly opened Carnival Arts Center in Miami. As you can see, my passion for the arts continues to dictate my decisions in life, and the SAVES Program is helping me to reach these goals in this new country.



Ms Dominguez –Future opera star

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