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Miami-Dade County Public Schools

My name is Dieumète Jean. I was born in Haiti and raised in Port-au-Prince. I am now a student at D.A. Dorsey Education Center. Let me tell you more about myself.

I came to the United States of America in August 2002. It was very difficult for me to communicate in English. When someone talked to me in English, I didn't understand and could only smile. My friends called me "Smiley".



"Smiley" now a Mechanic Technician

This really motivated me to go to school and focus on learning English. I first went to Dillard Community School, in Fort Lauderdale to take ESOL classes. One day, I happened to hear on a Haitian-Creole radio station a lady named Ms. Philogène talking about a refugee-funded program called SAVES.

She was talking about all the free benefits you can receive in the SAVES program. I was very interested about getting these free educational benefits, and I went to see Ms. Philogène at her school, D.A. Dorsey, the day after. I was so happy, because I didn't know I could get a scholarship, free books, and free bus passes in the program. After talking to Ms. Philogène, I decided to study Auto Mechanic at D.A. Dorsey.

I attend morning classes Monday through Friday, and I work in the evening. The SAVES program is a great opportunity. It really helped me reach all my goals.

Thanks to the SAVES program and the wonderful teachers, I completed my studies and now work as a mechanic technician for Good Year. I am very proud of my accomplishments.



Ms. Marie Philogene happy to help students

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