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SAVES Radio Leads Guerline Vincent to Success

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

As a sophomore in high school, Guerline Vincent knew that she wanted to have a career in the medical field, but because of her status as an asylee from Haiti, college was unfeasible. A visit to one of the local private technical academies convinced Guerline that this expense was "crazy money". She thought that she would never have the opportunity to pursue her career.



Guerline Vincent proved that dreams are possible

It was when her mother heard about the SAVES Program on the radio and called her in to listen that Guerline knew she was on her way to realizing her dream. The announcer on Radio Mega (1020 AM), Mr. Georges Legerme, said that as a Haitian asylee, along with Cubans who are paroled and any other refugee, Guerline would qualify, free of charge for up to three trimesters, for any courses offered at its 16 centers through Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Because she lives in Homestead and South Dade Adult Center offers Medical Assisting courses, it was the logical choice for Guerline to attend there.

According to the SAVES contacts and her teachers, Ms. Vincent has been doing extremely well ever since. Besides attending school full time, Guerline is also employed as an assistant supervisor at Sunrise Group Home in Kendall from 3:00 pm till midnight five days a week. This is one dedicated person. Ms. Maria Berrones, her Medical Assistant instructor, states that Guerline is an excellent student and a very hard worker who takes a lot of pride in her course work. She has fantastic attendance and is very conscientious of her responsibilities, even while maintaining a full time position after school. Ms. Berrones said Guerline is maintaining an "A" average and knows that she will be a valuable asset to whatever career she chooses. She finishes the one year program this term, 2007-1, and hopes to attend Miami Dade College now that she has her residency. Guerline is excited about her future. Looking at how she perseveres and seeing her boundless energy, it appears that the world is in her hands. Good Luck, Guerline Vincent!



Together with Guerline are South Dade Adult SAVES Contact, Irmgard Sandel-Paris and Medical Assistant Instructor, Maria Berrones

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