

# SAVES Program

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## Daniel Casais Success with the SAVES Program

Cosmetology classes at Southwest Adult Education Center have been very popular since they started; the school usually graduates students every trimester. Mr. Daniel Casais is a good example of SAVES's successful stories.

Mr. Casais had his own business in Cuba as a hairdresser. Unfortunately, he was struggling to keep his business open due to lack of supplies, government restrictions, and the high cost of the license to work. Consequently, Mr. Casais decided to immigrate to the United States of America on June 23, 2014, in search of freedom and a better future.

Once in the United States, Mr. Casais heard from friends and family about Cosmetology classes that would help him get his license to work as a hairdresser in a beauty salon, so he came to register for classes at Southwest Adult Education Center in August 2014. Mr. Casais was told by school staff about SAVES and the possibility to participate in this program, which would help him pay for the tuition, books, and supplies.

Mr. Casais contacted the SAVES Representatives Ms. Mariol Pradere and Ms. Rochelle Gonzalez who successfully helped him register for the Cosmetology course in August 2014. Mr. Casais suc-

cessfully finished the course in April 2015. He is planning to open a salon in which his clients can enjoy guava pastries and Cuban coffee.

Mr. Casais is extremely grateful to the SAVES program for having made his dream come true. He hopes that SAVES can continue helping refugees and asylees to find a place in the community. We wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

