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Yanela Clapera, a Determined SAVES Student

Ms. Yanela Clapera and her mother arrived in the United States on April 2015, leaving behind her native home, Cuba, her family, friends and everything she holds dear. She remembers hearing about all the opportunities that this country offers and was determined to make her dreams a reality. The same month that Ms. Clapera arrived, she came to Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult Education Center and enrolled in the Success Management Academy Program with the goal of obtaining her GED diploma. She also enrolled in ESOL High Intermediate level classes.

Ms. Clapera was focused and remained goal oriented and in just one trimester was able to pass all GED tests, obtain her High School Diploma and progressed to ESOL Advance. She continued to take ESOL College and Career Readiness classes. Ms. Clapera served on the Success Management Academy Student Council and was on the Principal’s Honor Roll every trimester during her tenure at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult. She was also voted “Most Intellectual” by her classmates. During her spare time, she offered her help and tutored classmates in her favorite subject, Mathematics.

Always thirsty for knowledge and greater opportunities, Ms. Clapera inquired about the Health Sciences classes offered at another SAVES school, American Adult Education Center, where she registered in a CORE class, which is required for all

health sciences courses. She completed Phlebotomy, EKG (Electrocardiogram) and HHA (Home Health Aid). Ms. Clapera performed their laboratory practices at Miami Jackson Adult Education Center, where she offered to volunteer extra hours, leading her to earn the respect of his classmates and to receive a great job offer.

Ms. Clapera received a special recognition by the principal of American and Hialeah –Miami Lakes Adult Education Center, Mr. Alexis Cazañas, for her commitment and dedication and for having passed the Industry Certification Exam of Certified Phlebotomy with high scores. Ms. Clapera is very grateful for the opportunities that she has been given in just one year of arriving to this country. She feels strongly that with confidence and perseverance anything is possible and hopes to become a positive example for all those, who

