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Elanie Cinéas Determination Is the Key to Success

Elanie Cinéas was born in The Artibonite Department of Haiti. She lived with her mother and father while going to school. After completing seventh grade, she had to withdraw from school due to family obligations.

In September 2011, Ms. Cinéas left Haiti and her family to join her husband who came to the United States as a political asylee. She had a baby immediately after arriving in the States and could not attend school right away. However, as soon as she was settled, her husband took her to South Dade Technical College to inquire about the English classes. Fortunately, she qualified for the SAVES program.

In August 2013, Ms. Cinéas registered for classes at South Dade Technical College. She started at the ESOL Foundation level and moved up rapidly. In 2014, she had to withdraw from classes due to the birth of her son. She decided to return to school and registered for classes on September, 2015. Ms. Cinéas moved from ESOL Foundation to ESOL High Intermediate Level in very little time. She has shown a lot of determination to achieve her goals, first to learn English and then to become a chef. She is planning on taking the Culinary Arts classes and take advantage of the free tuition that the SAVES program gives students in vocational courses.

Ms. Cinéas is very grateful to the program for the opportunity offered to her. She wants to advise her classmates to continue and focus on their studies. With determination, you can fulfill your dream, as she says.

