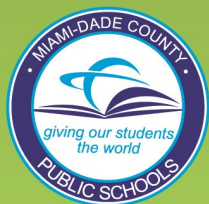


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Ms. Marleny Abrahantes was born in Cuba and came to the United States on March 31, 2015 in search of a better life. In Cuba, she attended a University in Cienfuegos, Matanzas where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Like many other immigrants fleeing their homeland, leaving behind her native country and her family were two of the most difficult decisions she has ever had to make. As hard as those decisions were, she knew that coming to the United States would give her opportunities that her native country might never give her.

A few months after arriving to Miami, she was referred to Hialeah Adult Education Center and was told about the SAVES program through a former SAVES Patient Care Technician (PCT) program graduate that had received the SAVES benefits a few years back. Following the encounter with this previous student, Ms. Abrahantes made it a point to visit Hialeah Adult Education Center to inquire about the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program and the benefits the SAVES program could provide for her. From that visit, she learned that the SAVES program offers and assists students with financial support for things such as books and tuition. As her interest in the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program grew, she knew she felt that her best option would be to register for this program. On August 24, 2015, using the SAVES program

as a means for financial assistance, she enrolled in the Patient Care Technician program (PCT).

After a year of attending classes outlined within her chosen program, Ms. Abrahantes completed the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program in August 2016. Approximately one month later, she received her Patient Care Technician (PCT) State License and has only helped her set higher achieving goals for herself. She is now focusing her studies on becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of Florida. Ms. Abrahantes is very grateful for the opportunities and support that both Hialeah Adult Education Center and the SAVES program gave her throughout her course of study. In unison, they have both opened doors and provided opportunities for her dreams to become realistic accomplishments. We wish Ms. Abrahantes nothing more

