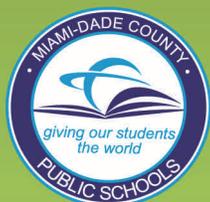


SAVES Program

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The SAVES Program is a Great Opportunity

Elaine Santos is a 27 year-old woman who was born and raised in Havana, Cuba. Elaine studied Computer Science at the university and earned a Bachelor's degree. After Elaine graduated, she worked at the Metropolitan Bank as a software developer.

In 2014, she moved to Miami, Florida. Elaine's main focus and goal was to become an educated professional here in the United States. She realized that in order to reach her dreams, she needed to continue her education and learn English. That determination led her to the SAVES program at Miami Sunset Adult Educational Center. The program gave her the opportunity to study English in the morning and a vocational course (Web Developer and Programming) at night.

Soon after she graduated, Elaine was able to secure employment as a web developer for Miami Dade County Public Schools. At this job, she put into practice all the knowledge she gained from the courses she studied through the SAVES program. As far as future plans, she will continue her studies to attain a Master's Degree. Her life has been completely transformed with the help of the SAVES program, and she feels her dreams would have taken much longer had it not been for Miami Sunset Adult Educational Center.

In her own words, "The SAVES program is a great opportunity for refugees who have come to the United States to accomplish their dreams." Elaine is honored to be one of many people that the SAVES program has helped. She is grateful to the SAVES program and its excellent teachers. Because of them, she was able to learn English and the skills that are needed to obtain employment in the United States. Also, she is happy to have gained even more knowledge in software development and is looking forward to getting her Master's Degree.

