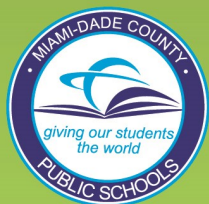


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## Dream big-Determination is the Key to Succeed!

Ms. Yordanka Fernandez was born in Cuba in September of 1973. She became a successful nurse in her country in spite of the many hardships she had to overcome.

Ms. Fernandez arrived in Miami, Florida, in July of 2013. She heard of the SAVES program through friends and registered at South Dade Technical College in the ESOL program. She managed to complete the entire curriculum within two years, in spite of having to withdraw for a whole term due to family obligations.

Ms. Fernandez took classes to improve her English. Soon after, she joined the school vocational team and started her career as a Medical Assistant. Ms. Fernandez is determined to obtain the required licenses and is taking all the appropriate core classes to achieve that goal. According to her teacher, Ms. Carmen Saez, Ms. Fernandez is an excellent student and will, without a doubt, succeed in her endeavors.

Ms. Fernandez' experience at South Dade Technical College has been very positive. She feels that the SAVES program has given her the perfect opportunity by providing all the necessary tools including books, tuition and monthly bus passes.

Ms. Fernandez would like to thank the SAVES program at South Dade Technical College for providing her the tools to be able to further her career in the medical field. She claims that with this opportunity, she will be able to reach her goal in

becoming a Registered Nurse. We wish Ms. Fernandez the best as she continues to pursue her dreams!

