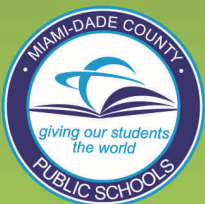


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## CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION HELPS STUDENTS TO BECOME PROFESSIONALS

Mr. Pedro Miguel Garcia Valdes came from Cuba in 2014. He graduated in Computer Engineering from the University of Las Villas, Cuba, in 1996. In September 2015, he went to the SAVES office at the English Center and enrolled in computer classes. He registered in the PC Support Program and in Network Administrator to update and refresh his knowledge and skills.

In just two months into the course, Mr. Garcia obtained his first Industry Certification (COMPTIA A+), which opened the doors for him to work in the field. Indeed, he got his first job as IT at Tracfone Wireless, Inc., where he worked for only three months, before he received a greater opportunity. He called it a second chance. He is currently working as network administrator for a bank and he is ready to take his second Industry Certification, in this case, Windows 2012, Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP).

Mr. Garcia is grateful to the SAVES program for giving him this opportunity and pay for his tuitions and textbooks. He is also grateful to his instructor, Mr. Noel Paz, for his advice and leadership in the classroom and for showing him the way to improve his skills, to keep up with the

latest developments in the technology field, and to enter the job market as a highly qualified professional.

Mr. Garcia wants to thank the English Center for providing such important career technical programs that allow students to become professionals.

