

# SAVES Program

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**MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## Success Story

Ibrahim Rolo was born and raised in Matanzas, Cuba. He studied at the University of Matanzas and graduated on July 16, 2010 being awarded his degree of Licentiate in English Language with German as a Second Language. He worked as a Tourist Guide in Havana but wanted something more meaningful.

On July 08, 2014 Ibrahim Rolo immigrated to the United States by crossing the border at Hidalgo, Texas seeking a better life. While receiving aid from the Department of Children and Families and Lutheran Services, Mr. Rolo registered at Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center on August 12, 2014 for Term 2014/I, where he enrolled with the SAVES Program in our ESOL-Advance taught by Vivian Gilfrom 4:00PM- 6:30PM, ESOL Academic Skills taught by Ilene Martinez, and our Introduction to Computers course taught by Jessika Abdalah from 6:30PM-9:30PM. By the end of the 2014/I term Mr. Rolo after attending more than 210 hours of instruction earned 2 LCPs from our ESOL courses and 1 OCP from our vocational course. He is currently registered in our GED Language and Writing course. On January 26, 2015 he took advantage of one of his

benefits with the SAVES Program to have his degree and grades translated with Josef Silny & Associates Inc., after meeting the minimum requirement of earning two LCPs or OCPs.

While finishing his first term with Miami Coral Park, Mr. Rolo was offered a teaching position with Miami Dade College teaching English as an adjunct professor. He is extremely thankful of the SAVES Program and Staff at Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center and is planning on utilizing his newly translated degrees to pursue a Master's Degree. He is grateful for the dedication of our staff in helping our students achieve their potential by providing excellent counselor services and case management.

