

# SAVES Program

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**MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## A Bright Future Achieved Through SAVES

Mr. Victor David Gonzalez is 18 years old and was born and raised in Havana, Cuba. His parents made the decision to migrate to the United States of America seeking a better future for themselves and the family. Mr. Gonzalez arrived in Miami, Florida, by plane and was issued Parole status. Mr. Gonzales arrived in this country when he was 17 years old and enrolled in the SAVES Refugee Program on August 28, 2015 and started in the new GED in Spanish Program offered at Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center on September 01, 2015.

The Spanish GED Program allows incoming students to finish high school by earning a GED Diploma. By mid-December, Mr. Gonzalez completed his first term achieving an ESOL high level and earned one Literacy Completion Point. He registered on January 04, 2016 for the second term of GED and ESOL advanced. On February 11, 2016, he was recommended to take the GED Ready Practice Test by his teachers Maria Queris and Beatriz Melcon. He passed all four sections of the GED Ready Test with scores ranging from 166 to 178 in the four different sections and was recommended by Andres Trujillo, SAVES Coordinator at Miami Coral Park Adult Center and Maria Miranda, Instructional Supervisor of the SAVES Program to take the GED Test paid by the SAVES program on March 01, 2016. In April 2016, Mr. Gonzalez took the GED Test and

passed all four sections of Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Language and earned his GED Diploma.

Currently Mr. Gonzalez is enrolled in the Coral Park Adult Education Accounting Program, which consists of Accounting, QuickBooks, and Tax Preparation divided into three terms. He is also enrolled in ESOL-ACSK (College and Career Readiness) and plans to finish his education in our Accounting Program before enrolling in Miami Dade College in April 2017. Mr. Gonzalez would like to thank the SAVES Program, his GED Teachers, and all of Miami Coral Park Adult Staff that has helped him in attaining his educational goals.

