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Success and Talent

Mr. Carlos Muñiz arrived in the United States on May 30, 2013. His journey to learn English and get his GED diploma was rough at the beginning. He stumbled upon the Hialeah One-Stop Center, a daytime off-campus center of Hialeah Miami Lakes Adult Center.

At the time, the local One-Stop Center was being relocated, but two months later, Carlos was called to begin classes at Jose Martí's Success Management Academy in the morning. He was happy to finally start school but was afraid because he didn't feel confident with his English yet. It did not take long for Mr. Muñiz to advance with his English. He did very well in both English and his GED classes.

He is grateful for his teachers who helped him grasp the material quickly. Carlos successfully completed his GED exam within one year; he earned his GED certificate in December 2014.

He is especially grateful to Ms. Borrás and Ms. Joseph, who helped him polish his comprehension and pronunciation.

Recently, Carlos was one of two lucky HML Adult students to be invited to attend a refugee event in Jacksonville, Florida. This was a humbling experience, allowing him to share ideas and dreams with refugees from all over the world. He presented a speech, interviewed with fellow refugees and board members, and even played guitar at one of their luncheons during entertainment hour.

Currently, Carlos is attending HML Adult while he is getting ready to take college entrance exams for Miami Dade College. He plans to earn his associate degree and hopes to later be accepted into New World School of Arts. He has a profound interest in the musical arts and hopes to become a musician in the future. He's gifted at playing the guitar and piano. Back home in his native Cuba, he was enrolled in the Conservatorio de Musica Amadeos Roldan where he excelled musically. His dreams include becoming a music professor as well as sound engineer. Once he's finished here in Miami, he plans to attend The Music Conservatory of the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.

Carlos is eternally grateful to the SAVES program for introducing him to a whole new world of success.

