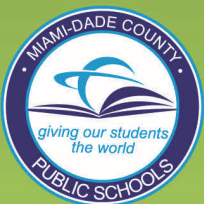


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Luis Garcia with SAVES

Mr. Luis Garcia came to the United States in April 2013. He wanted to leave his homeland, Cuba, where liberty is a conflict, to start a new life in the United States of America, a land where freedom is a guaranteed right.

For several years, Mr. Garcia tried leaving Cuba to have a better life. He later took a tour to Ecuador and then to Mexico, which allowed him to enter the United States ten years after his initial decision to leave Cuba.

He realized that in order to reach his goals and be competitive in Miami, he needed to study English to be able to communicate as well as learn the culture of this country. In searching for a school, Mr. Garcia found Miami Senior Adult Education Center. A group of wonderful people welcomed him there and explained the SAVES program

and its benefits. Mr. Garcia realized that this was the right school for him. He learned that this federal government program offered English and vocational classes for refugees and asylees. After successfully passing two levels of English, Mr. Garcia requested the translation and evaluation of his college degree. He was happy to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Science from Joseph & Silny, the degree translation agency.

