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Vanessa Delva expresses her sincere gratitude to the SAVES

Ms. Vanessa Delva was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She left her country as a refugee on December 31, 2013, for a better life. Ms. Delva came to the USA with the goal to fulfill her dream of becoming a Pediatric Nurse. She said that “education is the key to success and she will not limit herself”. Ms. Delva saw a lot of opportunities in the United States of America that were not available in Haiti and was determined to take advantage of such opportunities.

When Ms. Delva came to the USA, she already knew English, but she did not know the process to go to school and start the nursing program that will help her achieve her dream of becoming a Pediatric Nurse. Ms. Delva did not know where she would get the financial support she needed to start her education. Then she heard about the SAVES program at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College. Ms. Delva stated that “finding this program was the greatest thing that could have happened to her”. She was told that SAVES would help her by providing tuition, books, and supplies for a program of her choice, and she registered in the Practical Nursing program. With the financial help Ms. Delva received from SAVES, she was able to focus more on the most important aspect of school, which is learning.

SAVES lightened Ms. Delva’s financial burden and enhanced her education immensely and she was able to receive the

education needed to reach her goal. Ms. Delva is an excellent student. Although she is only finishing her second trimester in the Practical Nursing program, she plans to continue until completing the program entirely. Ms. Delva believes that “education is the greatest gift that one can bestow unto someone.” She hopes one day she will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as the SAVES program has helped her.

Ms. Delva is grateful to have been given this opportunity and would like to express her sincere gratitude to the SAVES Program.

