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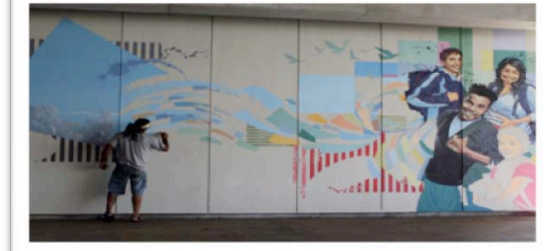


## *Johermes Quiala is the perfect epithet of a SAVES!!!*

He was born in Guantánamo, Cuba. His love for the art began at an early age. As a child, he was fond of making figures out of play-dough and he enjoyed sketching characters from the cartoons on television. When he turned four, he started attending an art school in Guantánamo. In 1984, he moved to Havana where he continued his studies at “Escuela Nacional de Arte”. He graduated in 1989 with honors.

Mr. Quiala participated in several national and international expositions, where he showed his unquestionable talent. In 2010 he was invited to attend an Art Expo that was being held in Montreal, Canada. Although he participated in the Expo, Johermes decided to come to the United States, to make his dream come true.

Since he arrived in 2010, he has had the opportunity to exhibit his artwork in several galleries in Miami-Dade and Broward. He also has been attending Robert Morgan Educational Center. With a remarkable work habit and a positive attitude, Johermes successfully completed the ESOL Program and is currently finishing Graphic Design vocational course.



Mr. Quiala is very grateful to the SAVES Program and staff for all the services and support they provided. Johermes is also very thankful to his teachers for their help and guidance. In appreciation, this talented Cuban artist wanted to leave his legacy and has painted a mural honoring World Refugee Day at Robert Morgan Educational Center. (see photo above)

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