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Yurisan Cordero Martínez

Yurisan Cordero Martínez is from Cuba. He came to the United States in 2009 searching for justice, opportunity, and a better life. As it happens to every newcomer, it was challenging to adjust to a new country, especially the language and customs.

Mr. Cordero was amazed by the number of people from different countries that he met in Miami. He realized that the only way to be able to effectively communicate and obtain employment was to learn English. He registered with MDCP-S to learn English while working to support his wife and daughter who were in Mexico.

It was not until mid 2010 when Yurisan found out about T. Baker Aviation School. He enrolled for classes in 2010 but had to withdraw because he had no money to pay for his classes, books, and supplies.

He went back to school in 2011 hoping to finish. He heard about the SAVES program, and how it supports refugees and asylees to resettle in the United States.

SAVES provided Mr. Cordero with books and tuition to pay for his classes. Yurisan states that the SAVES staff has been very helpful and willing to help him with anything that he needs to achieve his goals.

Yurisan Cordero is almost finished with his Aviation Technical career's studies. He has found a better job, and he is now able to better assist his family in Mexico. He is eternally grateful to SAVES and its staff, particularly Ms. Maria Miranda, for the support they give to newcomers like him in the resettling process. We wish him the very best in his future endeavors.



Yurisan Cordero and Ms. Maria Miranda, SAVES Instructional Supervisor

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