

# SAVES Program



## Marlen Linares with SAVES

Marlen Linares was born and raised in Cuba. Due to the difficult situation and hardship that she was experiencing, she decided to leave Cuba to start a new life. She moved to the United States on October 26, 2013. It was a very difficult decision as Marlen left behind her two daughters.

Ms. Linares procured to educate herself for over 17 years, being awarded with a Pharmaceutical Science degree in 1987. She has been blessed with family members who gladly supported her the minute she arrived in Miami, Florida.

Marlen realized that in order to be successful, she had to learn English. One of her family member took her to the SAVES program at Miami Sunset Adult Education Center where she registered for ESOL classes in December 2013.

Ms. Linares is currently in High-Beginning level and hopes to successfully finish it and go on to Low Intermediate. In addition, Marlen is studying to become a pharmacy technician so that she can find employment.

Although it has not been easy, Marlen Linares is very happy with the progress that she is making, and she is looking forward to finishing her English classes and pharmacy technician course so that she can start working on the requirements to become a certified pharmacist.

Marlen is very grateful to all her teachers, especially Mr. Edel Anaya, and the SAVES staff for all the help and support in accomplishing her goals. Not only has SAVES provided her with free books and tuition, but it has also given Marlen the strength, confidence, and motivation to fulfill all of her dreams. We wish Marlen the very best in her future endeavors.



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