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Anet Soria with SAVES

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Anet Soria is from Cuba and for many years lived in Spain where she worked as a Nail Technician. In 2011, she arrived at the United States to be reunited with her family and pursue her dreams in the land of opportunities.

This is Ms. Soria story: As a newcomer, she faced many obstacles, including adapting to a new culture, new country and especially a new language. This was quite challenging for her. Ms. Soria was looking for a job, but soon she understood that her employment opportunities were very limited due to her lack of language and communication skills in English and her need to gain a better understanding of cosmetic education in the United States.

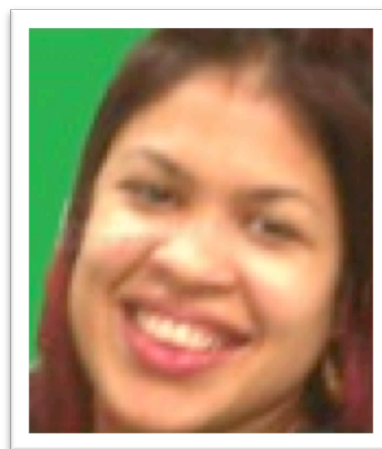
In 2011, she contacted the S.A.V.E.S. department at The English Center, and after completing the application process, she decided it was the right time to pursue her professional dreams. She registered in the Cosmetology program, eager to fulfill her goals.

Ms. Soria received many SAVES benefits for which she is enormously grateful because of the excellent education and hands on training The English Center provided her. S.A.V.E.S. honored her with full tuition for three terms, including books, supplies and uniforms, which are very expensive and not easy to afford by a newcomer.

Ms. Soria said that The English Center not only did it help her financially but also with valuable advice. Thus, she was able to continue learning about the American way. She was struggling economically and emotionally, but going to class every day was the highlight of her day. Due to the dedication and effort she put into learning the course, she was able to pursue her dreams and face every day challenges.

Ms. Soria is now the owner of a beauty salon, through which she is able to offer job opportunities to other colleagues and help her family in Cuba. Thanks to S.A.V.E.S., Ms. Soria was able to complete her cosmetology career, enter into the challenging world of managing a business, and overcome the personal problems that she incurred while studying. She felt that S.A.V.E.S. staff at The English Center was a key stone to her success, and she is very thankful to the school.

Ms. Soria would like to encourage all new comers to take the opportunity that S.A.V.E.S. offers to challenge themselves in a vocational class because receiving a good education is the only stairway to success. This is just one of the many stories that S.A.V.E.S. can offer to illustrate how newcomers are assisted in pursuing the American Dream.



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