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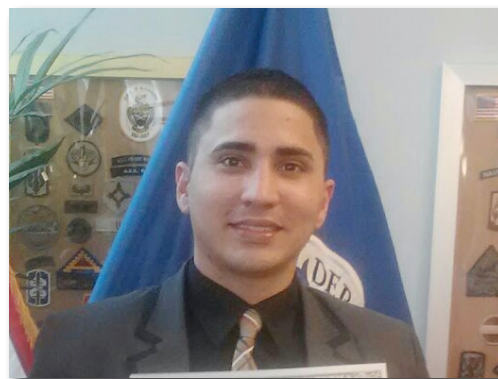
Mr. Richard Romero is from Cuba. He came to the United States on December 25th, 2008 to be with his family. He was looking for the freedom and economic opportunities that he would not have been able to obtain in his homeland.

When Mr. Romero landed in Miami, Florida, he discovered a completely new world to him. He described this defining experience in his life as coming from hell to heaven. He also said that the year 2009 was hard for him because of the economic circumstances in the USA. It took him around five months to find a job in a retail store. At that point, Mr. Romero, who was a computer technician in his native island of Cuba, essentially had to put on hold his dream of becoming a computer technician in America, so he could learn English and earn money to support his mother in Cuba.

In 2013, a friend suggested for him to go to the English Center to inquire about the Network System Administration program. Mr. Romero came to The English Center, and a school staff told him about the SAVES program. He went to the SAVES office for more information. There, he was told that he was eligible to receive tuition, books, and other benefits free of charge. That was great news for him because, at that time, he could not afford to pay for the course nor purchase his books.

With the financial help he received from SAVES, he was able to enroll in the Personal Computer Support program and receive his books; and with the guidance of his professor, Mr. Paz, not only did Mr. Romero completed the program and earned his certifications in A+ and NT, but he was able to work in the field of technology.

Mr. Richard Romero is proud to be a student at The English Center and is very grateful for all the help he has received from the school and from SAVES in particular. He would like for more people to know about SAVES and how the program can change lives by guiding people to be in the right track to pursue their dreams.



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