

SAVES Program



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A light after darkness

With an immigrant background, sacrifices, and a challenging upbringing, Beatriz Nunez Soto made the lifechanging decision to leave everything and everyone behind and move to the United States. To obtain better opportunities, that meant she had to leave behind her home country, culture, family and customs. In October 2022, Beatriz Nunez Soto traveled from Cuba. She had difficulties getting here, but she didn't let that stop her from pursuing her future and opportunities. Beatriz was a full time, 4-year medical student, with aspirations to always study harder and become better.

Upon arriving to America, she discovered the SAVES program, where eligible students like herself could receive free education, which became a blessing in disguise. Her unique background and experiences added value to our program, enriching diversity of perspective among all students. She initiated by enrolling in ESOL classes which opened a world of prospects for her as she progressed and put in a lot of effort to be enrolled into the vocational programs SAVES offered her. As she started her journey through our program, she realized that she could succeed academically and professionally if she worked hard, was dedicated, and took advantage of the possibilities available to her. Her story is a tribute to the ability to per-

severe in the face of difficulty and the ability of SAVES to transform.

After many sacrifices, such as financial struggles, language barriers, and adapting to a new way of life, Ms. Soto has excelled to say the least. She is now both CNA certified and received a certification after completing necessary requirements in Childcare, which she will use both and their experiences to peruse in her future career. Despite her recent arrival in January 2023, she has already accomplished a great significantly. Despite having finished here programs- Childcare, CAN, and phlebotomy, she is currently enrolled in the EKG program and is creating a step forward into her career.

