





Aura Perez with her son. Photo courtesy of BBH USA.

## Aura P., Graduate

**Aura P.** is a native of Nicaragua and moved to Miami, Florida with her family when she was 11 years old. Aura's early education was full of challenges including learning English as a second language and frequently moving to different schools and neighborhoods. Ultimately, Aura left high school early and began working as an assistant at a local dental office.

In 2018, Aura decided to enroll in an adult education center to finish her high school diploma and advance her career. She attended classes while juggling being a wife and mother of three children. During her time at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College in Miami, Aura was surrounded by supportive teachers like Christina Brownlow and inspiring classmates who encouraged her along the way. At the age of 30, Aura reached her goal of earning her high school diploma.

Aura says her diploma is a gift to herself and to her loved ones. It represents self-determination and a key that will unlock the doors to new and better opportunities for her entire family. Aura is now considering enrolling in a nursing education program to take her career to the next level.

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