

Seneca Update



It is my pleasure to announce two top iSeries grads from the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 semesters: **Tommy Chi Choi Wong** and **Kinturajsinh Vaghela**.



Tommy Chi Choi Wong

comes from a multimedia designer background which involved mastering web programming. He chose the CPAC program at Seneca based on the school's reputation for encouraging a practical project based learning experience and the program's ability to provide a Co op opportunity to qualified students. He told me his subject selections were based on gaining a solid foundation in database design, and building applications to use the database. Following this path allowed him to graduate with the iSeries business application developer and Internet specialist designations.

In a recent email Tommy told me, "The iSeries Practicum course was quite special to me, as it was one of the few chances where I got to work on an application not

dependent on a Web interface. I am very satisfied with the challenges the Seneca CPAC program provided, and I look forward to technical challenges I've yet to overcome in my new career."

Tommy graduated from the three year program with a 3.9 Grade Point Average out of a possible 4.0. He achieved many "A's with Distinction" in all of the subjects he took at the college.

His interests outside of work include inline skating, visiting the local festivities within the GTA and keeping up with the technical trends like Twitter, RSS, and media streaming.

Kinturajsinh Vaghela ,

when researching a place to study, noticed that a very high percentage of employers are very satisfied with the skills and knowledge of Seneca graduates (94.3%). He also noticed that the college was a choice of more International students than any other college.

His experience at the college was a rewarding one. During his time in the CPAC program he received a Certificate of Achievement as a student mentor and was given the Laura Flanagan Memorial Leadership Award. Kintu also recently was selected to represent Seneca College at an international student conference in Dubai called Education Without Borders 2009. In his Co-op job with the city of Vaughan he was nominated for the Outstanding Co-op/ Internship Performer. He told me that Seneca had provided him with an opportunity to study and



work in a true multicultural environment.

Kintu appreciates the strong relationship between TUG and Seneca College. He emailed me: "Such industry ties give students like me a chance to meet senior and field experts." He enjoys traveling and exploring nature, golf, following business, trade and the economy and exploring recent technologies and gadgets.

His father and mother are his true role models and he fondly remembers a quote from his father, "The history of the world is the history of the few men who have faith in themselves."

Please join me in congratulating these fine Seneca graduates.



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