

TUG/SENECA AWARD

I would like to introduce you to our latest selection for the TUG/Seneca award. Nick Armentano selected Seneca specifically for its inclusion of iSeries subjects in the Computer Programmer Analyst three year diploma program.

He recently told me: "Thanks to the intense workload and the short deadlines at Seneca, I have strengthened my organizational skills and ability to prioritize work, which are worthwhile life-long skills. I am now a more critical thinker, a more strategic problem solver, and have improved my professional skills."

It is also gratifying to hear Nick felt some non-technical abilities, like interpersonal relationships, were improved during his stay at Seneca College. He selected every available iSeries option during the day and distinguished himself when working on a System i project for Aon Re Canada Inc. in a subject called iSP606. I saw Nick in four iSeries subjects, he took two more from another instructor and he insisted on making his Project Implementation subject an RPGLE based project. You would think that that would be enough iSeries for any student. But Nick also decided to take an AS/400 Admin/Security subject that was only offered at night.

When not working, Nick would rather participate in sports than be a spectator. He is currently a martial arts instructor and also enjoys group sports. He enjoys meeting people who share a passion for Latin music and enjoys the fact that this enthusiasm can be shared with people from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. He is a Latin dancer and performer, sometimes a competitor and occasionally an instructor. His philosophy of being a team player is "Between music and your dance partner, choose always your dance partner."

Nick is appreciative that Seneca was able to give him a strong foundation in Object-Orientated concepts. We are glad to have been able to challenge Nick during his years here at Seneca College. His final observation about the Seneca experience is astute:

"One of my best achievements was learning more about myself."

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TUG/Seneca Award winner Nick Armentano

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