

Seneca Update

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Seneca TUG Award

Artem Luzyanin has been selected to receive the Summer 2015 Seneca/TUG award. He is the first award recipient who was also a speaker at TEC. That is quite an accomplishment in the distinguished company of twenty fellow award winners. In



Summer 2015 top iSeries student Artem Luzyanin

the last week of classes he did a practice run presentation of his MAP525 mobile app project in front of sixty IBC233 students and got a warm round of applause as they appreciated seeing one of their IBM i labs running on an iPhone and as they also showed appreciation for a dedicated tutor

who helped them get over some difficult humps in the lab.

One day stands out for me that sums up Artem's work ethic and "get it done" personality. A double lab period can be exhausting as you go from perplexing problem to problem solving all sorts of issues. I've seen some

tutors overwhelmed by this as they try to sit unnoticed in the corner. The best tutors like Artem are proactive and ask if anyone needs help. On this day Artem arrived about fifteen minutes early for the next class which was his shift. Instead of working on his own pressing assignments, he noticed a lab was due and I was becoming overwhelmed with questions and couldn't get to everyone fast enough. So he stepped right up and started working. I left for my office hour and lunch and returned a few periods later where he was now to be my lab aid. I could see he had been worn down a little by the non-stop work and told him to go get a coffee. He didn't take long and after

a five minute break was ready to dive back into the fray.

Artem describes his passion for tutoring this way, "Knowing and loving programming this much has helped me to explain

the subjects to students on more personal level. Years of sales helped me with both passion and patience when approaching the hardest cases students brought to me. They were coming to me with fear, they wanted to drop those courses, but after some time with me they knew they will do great."

During his time at Seneca, Artem was able to record eleven A's with distinction plus ten A's in various programming subjects. Artem graduated with a business management diploma.

After holding some management positions he gravitated towards a more lucrative sales career. He always had a love of programming from his early teen years and in 2013 decided to come to the best College that could help him initiate a career as a programmer. Adept in java, C++ etc., he also discovered an affinity for the IBM i system.

"For the last couple of years, I realized that although programming in general is my passion, one part of it makes me happy the most. I got introduced to iSeries, and I knew that this is it. This is my future. The iSeries appealed to me with its simplicity and robustness."

If your shop has any connection to this wonderful platform you need to take a serious look at where you can fit Artem into your team. 

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