

# Bursary Winners 2008 / Gagnants de bourses 2008

## Brian Hardy, Algonquin College

I have worked for two co-op terms, a total of 8 months, at Department Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT). Working at DFAIT has given me the opportunity to see another aspect of the IT industry that I don't get the chance to learn until 3rd year at Algonquin College. That is IT Security and networking. After working at DFAIT for my first 4 months, I found that I really enjoyed learning about IT Security and networking. My goal is to "bridge-in" at DFAIT after I graduate.



I really want to work at DFAIT after I graduate and have a career in the public sector. My grandparents were federal employees and my parents are federal employees and they have told me their experiences in the public sector, and I wish to follow in their footsteps.

I made a conscious decision to change my life on Jan 1/06. I told my parents that I wanted to go back to college and the very next day, I was enrolled. I deserve this award because I have made going to college my everyday commitment. I am working hard everyday to earn my diploma in Computer Science and I have been successful up to this point with a 3.80 GPA.

I really enjoy working in IT. It is an exciting time as new technologies are being developed in such short development times. I really enjoy the project management aspect of the industry as I feel it is just as much fun to analyze and develop a product as it is to actually deliver the product to the client. I am happy that I will get to be a part of the industry and maybe one day I will be a key innovator in the industry, just like Bill Gates and Steve Jobs did over 30 years ago.

## Cédric Raby, CÉGEP de l'Outaouais

J'ai toujours aimé travailler avec un ordinateur, c'est pourquoi l'informatique est devenue mon domaine d'étude. Après y avoir légèrement goûté au secondaire, j'ai décidé de poursuivre mes études en programmation. Je ne regrette pas ce choix, car j'aime bien utiliser ma logique pour résoudre des problèmes et trouver des solutions aux problèmes de tous genres. De plus, l'analyse de systèmes d'informations est une activité que je trouve intéressante et stimulante, car je suis forcé à réfléchir à chaque petit détail.



Je suis un élève travaillant, débrouillard et actif qui aime bien faire sentir sa présence dans la salle de classe. Je suis aussi un perfectionniste, ce qui m'amène à vérifier l'intégrité de mes travaux à plusieurs reprises avant de les remettre, car ce qui mérite d'être fait, mérite d'être bien fait.

## **Stéphane Ghattas, Heritage College**

Stéphane Ghattas is in second year in the Computer Science program at Heritage College in Gatineau, Quebec. He is looking forward to getting his feet wet in the IT industry through a co-op job this summer.

Stéphane has been using computers since he was about 8 years old. At first it was mostly just for video games and homework, but in high school he took Computer Programming as an option course. He knew it was what he wanted to do every since. He was honoured with the Computer Programming Award that year at high school for having the highest average in his class.



Stéphane has earned many other scholastic awards. He has been an honour roll student since elementary school. He continues to excel academically in the Computer Science program at Heritage College and won the Academic Achievement Award in Computer Science last year. His interest in computers and problem solving has led him to aspire for a successful career in the information technology field.

His hobbies and pastimes include, but are not limited to, computers, video games, certain sports, his newly purchased car and hanging out with friends.

## **Paul Godard, La Cité Collégiale**

Paul est étudiant en deuxième année du programme Technologie du génie informatique à La Cité collégiale. Étudiant modèle, ses aptitudes académiques exceptionnelles n'ont d'équivalent que son enthousiasme aux études ainsi que son engagement à l'entraide envers ses pairs.

Paul est récipiendaire de plusieurs médailles d'excellence pour ses compétences en informatique ainsi que ses aptitudes interpersonnelles. Plusieurs employeurs dont la Fonction publique du Canada ont déjà bénéficié des compétences de Paul en programmation ainsi qu'en réseautique.



La Cité collégiale est fière de soumettre la candidature de Paul à cette bourse et de contribuer à façonner des diplômés de son calibre.