

# Some of our Student's Stories

Manuel (not his real name) was not going to continue his education past grade 6 until his aunt learned about the CAL program and encouraged him to register. When Manuel understood that computers were at the centre of the program, he was very excited because he said, "Ever since I was a child, I love to take things apart and put them back together." And so, he merged his academic learning with his strong interest in technology through the CAL program. He now works as a cellphone repair person, putting to use his love of technology.

Hector (not his real name) finished grade 6, wondering how he could continue his education. He was forced to take some time off, but learned about the CAL program, and was able to continue his education as an older youth. Through the CAL program, he learned how to do his own research to increase his learning. When he decided to become a moto-taxi driver, he also wanted to learn how to do his own repairs. He explains how he knew how to search on-line for video tutorials, and learn from these, because of the CAL program. He now runs a small moto-taxi business.

Carol (not her real name) came from a resource-poor family. She graduated from the CAL program four years ago. The CAL program gave her an excellent foundation to continue high school, which she was able to do through a scholarship. She says her use of computers and research skills gave her an edge over other students. When she graduated high school, because of her strong computer skills, she was hired as an office assistant by the municipal department of education.