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1st University City HS Student to Achieve ICDL Certification Level I and Level II

Amir Potts, age 17, is an 11th grade student at University City High School in West Philadelphia. Amir is a native of Philadelphia and is likely the first student in University City High School who has achieved International Computer Driving License Certification (ICDL) Level I and Level II Certification from ICDL-US.

The computer training and certification is part of the METWorks After School ICDL Certification Prep Program delivered at UCHS and at MET, Inc. Training Labs located at First District Plaza, 3801 Market Street, Rm. 200, in Philadelphia. ICDL Certification is recognized in more than 100 countries and over three million people worldwide are enrolled.

Amir's ambition is to earn a doctorate degree in engineering and participate in ICDL world wide training engagements. Amir says he wants to help other youth around the world develop good basic computer skills which is a tremendous benefit whether they are applied in school or in the workforce. MET, Inc. provides computer training and certification for adults and youth and is an ICDL Authorized Testing Center.

Amir is the youngest child from a family where he has one sister and two brothers of which one is his twin. He never had a computer course before enrolling in METWorks while he did have a typing class which helped him to memorize the keyboard and learn about movement of his fingers and letter movements.

Amir is interested and appears more determined than ever to get his doctorate degree in engineering. He is presently focused on electrical engineering and has started the process for being considered by Drexel University next year.

He feels successful and now wants to bring other along in the process to benefit. He says... "I do not want success to make me different from my friends, I want them to have all of the good things that I want for myself... computers are not going anywhere they are here to stay and will become even more important... in every walk of life computers are needed...when I apply myself and succeed in computer learning, I feel good..." I know that someone will always need my help and therein lies my opportunities." He also appears enthusiastic about his role as President of the METWorks Student Advisory Council. He says it shows him as a leader and he is better able to help others. He says " I can lead by example, be dedicated to what I want to do and help others.." As Amir expressed a need to help others, he paused and explained... "If someone wants to be helped I enjoy helping and being needed. I do not want to waste time with people who do not want help.."He further explained his view as ... "when I help someone I get a chance to develop a real relationship, broaden my horizon and then they often help me.... I think helping people will make for a better world and we are all in this world together..." says Amir as he smiled and departed from the class interview.

