Peter Gilgan Foundation

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Photo: Students in the Y2P program thank Luke Gilgan and the Peter Gilgan Foundation for their ongoing support during a virtual call.

The Peter Gilgan Foundation has changed the lives of 98 Seneca Youth to Postsecondary (Y2P) students, their families and their local communities over the past three years and has renewed its support for another year.

Y2P students are amongst the most vulnerable at Seneca and have many barriers to overcome to get back into the classroom and be successful. Most students are new to Canada and have faced challenges finding employment, especially during the pandemic. The support that the foundation has provided will help students afford basic necessities, such as a laptop for virtual classes, textbooks, groceries and other living costs.

Lucky Temitope Osunbiyi is a former Y2P student (2019) and Peter Gilgan Foundation award recipient. He is currently working as a peer tutor for the Y2P program at Seneca's Yorkgate Campus and studying Computer Programming at Humber College.

"I was only 18 years old when I came to Canada from Nigeria in 2019," said Mr. Osunbiyi.

Through the Y2P program, Mr. Osunbiyi was able to gain more knowledge and the skills needed to continue his education. He credits the professors for always guiding and keeping him on the right path.

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