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"I'm Working Very Hard"

"The teachers are very supportive. I'm just learning Braille so I'm working very hard on that, and I'm taking drama. I'm in the school drama club, and I'm doing a reading from Anne Frank's diary for the Kiwanis Club. But as a career, I would like to be a counsellor for children with cancer because I know what they're going through."

Jennifer Green, Grade 9, is the first visually impaired student at Markville Secondary School and has established herself as a confident participant in school life. Legally blind since surgery for a brain tumor in 1991, Jennifer enjoys her studies and likes to act. She was recently selected as a Junior Citizen of the Year for her community involvement.



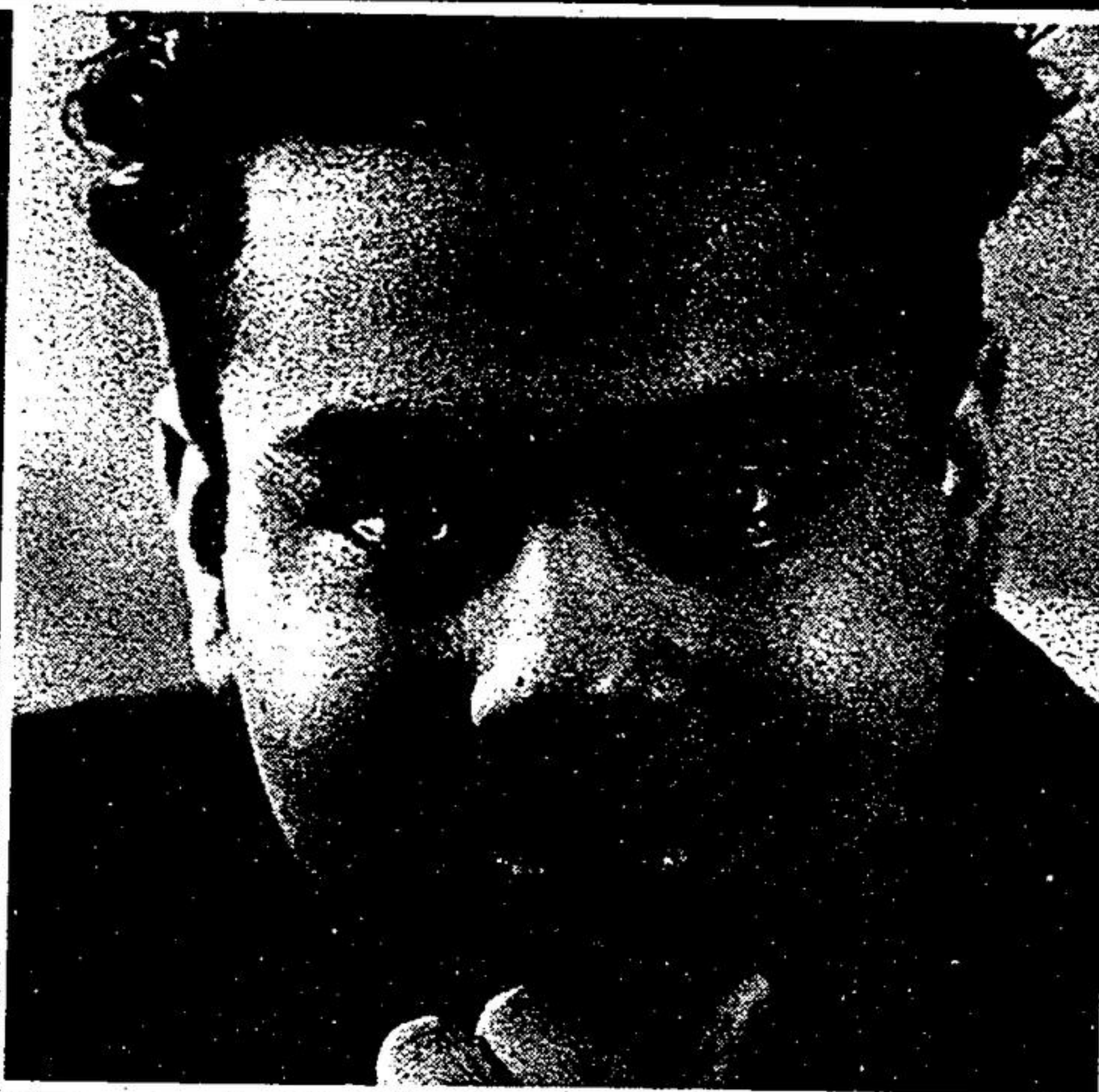
Ramona Puni, has completed her OAC studies at Markville Secondary School and was chosen for the 1995 cross-Canada tour of the young people's group Generation 2000. She has also received the Lincoln H Alexander Award in recognition of her leadership in promoting racial harmony.



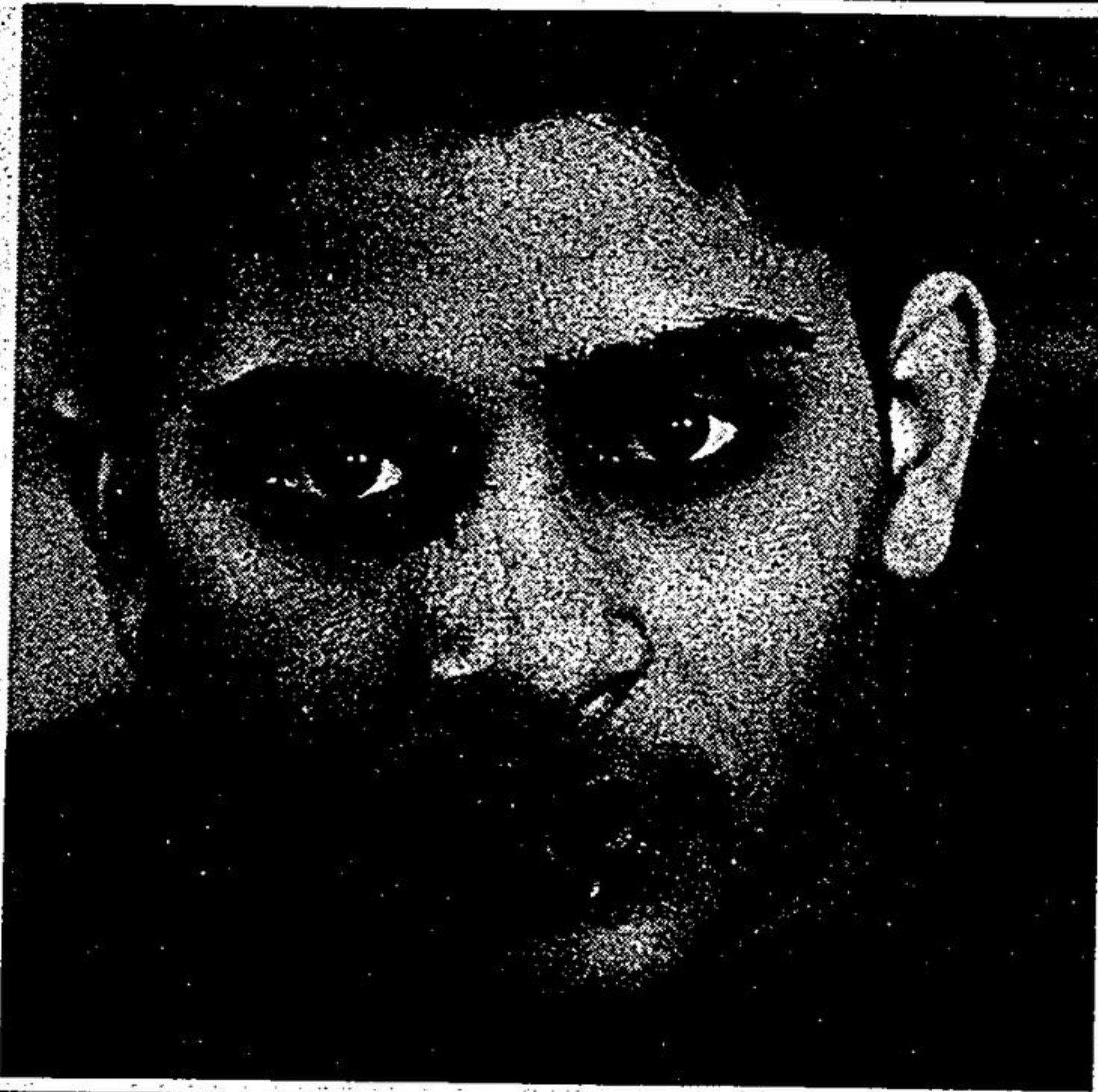
"Part of the Process"

"Middlefield gave me the opportunity to be a leader. I have worked for the Youth for Youth Committee to try to establish a youth centre and to advise the government on youth issues. Getting involved is part of the process of high school. It teaches you a lot about yourself and those around you."

Mann Mehdiratta, the first Students' Council president at Middlefield Collegiate Institute, has capped his OAC year with being selected by the young people's group, Generation 2000, for its 1995 cross-Canada tour. A champion of youth concerns, Mann leads by example in school and community affairs.



Paras Naik, a top OAC student at Middlefield Collegiate Institute, combines superior marks with sports, music, politics, business, scholastic competitions and work, winning the Ontario Cooperative Education Association Award while serving in the local hospital lab.



"My Teachers Played a Large Role"

"High school to me means Students and Teachers Action for Non-Discrimination. Similarly, Generation 2000 helps young people appreciate diversity as part of the Canadian identity. My teachers played a large role in my high school career and who I am today. My goal is to come back into the system as a high school teacher."

"It Was Excellent for Me"

"The co-op program was excellent for me. It was astounding how much work the lab at Markham-Stouffville Hospital gave me and how much recognition I received. It just secured my endeavour to become a physician. I want to go into medicine because I'm a person who thrives on being motivated, and I enjoy helping others."

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