

I want to thank KUF very much for the opportunity to send two of my clients to the UBC computer camp. Both of these 12 year olds had a wonderful time and learned a lot about their passion, computers. Both kids came from very low income, immigrant families, who would never have been able to afford to send them to camp.

Neither child actually owned a computer, but both used computers at school and at the public library. One of the children had been in hospital all of last summer, with serious depression and anxiety. The other child is partially deaf, has a speech problem, and has a lot of difficulty with anxiety, social relationships and communication.

Both children are intelligent and get straight As in math. The computer camp gave them the opportunity to see what computer scientists can do - such as designing and running robots, programming computers, and designing games. They met actual professors and volunteer students from the computer science program, who were able to communicate their creativity and enthusiasm.

I have seen both of my clients in the past week, and they both told me that they plan to go to UBC and study computer science when they finish high school. I am thrilled that these young people have had this wonderful opportunity, which may make a very significant difference to their future.

Thanks again, KUF!

All the best,

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