

Meet Our CAL Learners

Monika is originally from Poland and now lives in Waltham.

Degree/Experience: Master's Degree in Political Geography, IT Certificate

Career Goals: Secure a position in Customer Service or IT.

Monika is now volunteering with a local community organization, and has enrolled in a Business English certificate program.



“CAL has given me confidence in my interviewing skills. I have also learned the value of volunteer work in gaining experience in the U.S.”



Lilian is a native of China who now lives in Acton.

Degree/Experience: MBA, Business owner and entrepreneur

Career Goals: Lilian is interested in working in education; she co-owned a children's training facility in China.

“This program helped me set goals for my career; the CAL mock interview and networking events helped me prepare to begin a job search.”

Alejandro immigrated to the U.S. from Venezuela; he now lives in Medford.

Degree/Experience: BS in Electrical Engineering; Owner of auto AC shop

Career Goals: Obtain employment as an engineer

Since creating an active LinkedIn account, Alejandro has been invited to apply for several positions, which led to two in-person interviews and a job offer.



“This program helped me develop a proper U.S. resume and write a cover letter.”



Karine is an Arlington resident from France.

Degree/Experience: MA in Applied Languages, Teaching Certification

Career Goals: Become a teacher in the U.S.; she taught both French and English for more than 10 years in France.

Karine is in the process of completing her Massachusetts state teaching certification, and has two job offers pending from local public school districts.

“It was important for me to gain real experience through the CAL mock interview and resume review events before launching a U.S. job search.”

Yaqiang came to the U.S. from China; he now lives in Burlington

Degree/Experience: Software/ Technology Engineer

Yaqiang worked for Samsung Research Center in Beijing; he has had several interviews with Samsung in the U.S. and is currently waiting on a job offer.



“CAL gave me a better understanding of U.S. work culture and the application process; this has been helpful to me as I seek a position in my field.”



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