




## Achieving Goals!

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**Career Stories of Individuals  
who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing**


**Web site and Videotapes**



### Why were these developed?

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- Raise expectations
- Show role models



### Audience for Web site and Videotapes

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- Students
- Parents
- Teachers
- Employers
- Other individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



### Achieving Goals Web site

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Engineering/Architecture	Restaurant/Hotel/Food Service
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Medical/Health Care

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**Name:** Samuel Atcherson  
**Occupation:** Ph.D. Student/ Graduate Assistant  
**Company:** University of Memphis

Samuel says: "If you want to become a physician, a lawyer, or a business owner, you CAN. Success cannot be defined by what other people think, success has to be defined by you. ... Work hard now, and play later, or play now, and work hard later"

**Name:** Candie Barrere  
**Occupation:** Veterinarian  
**Company:** Total Pet Care, Maumee OH

Candie says: "Don't let anyone tell you what you can or cannot do. Only you can determine what your limitations are, if any."

**Name:** Barbara A. Brauer

**Samuel Atcherson**

**Occupation:** Ph.D. Student/ Graduate Assistant  
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**Job categories.** Click on one of the job categories below to find others like Samuel

- Education/Training/Library
- Medical/Health Care
- Science

**Background:** When I was born, I had normal hearing and then at age 3, I began to lose hearing rapidly. Today, my hearing loss is profound in both ears. I wear a hearing aid in the left ear and I wear a cochlear implant in the right ear. My interest in the field of audiology began when I needed to get new hearing aids. I was a Freshman in college at the time and I was majoring in Medical Technology. My audiologist (a new one) couldn't believe how well I could speak and lip-read with such a profound hearing loss. He wondered if I would be interested in becoming an audiologist myself. At first, I was unsure, because I didn't know how a deaf person (even with hearing aids) could conduct audiologic tests. My audiologist told me that technology had improved the tests and they were much easier to conduct than it was just years before. I decided to give Audiology a try, and as a result, I learned more about my relationships with other people, my hearing loss, my strengths, my weaknesses, and myself. Often it feels hard

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**Name:** Vicki T. Hurwitz  
**Occupation:** Director Rochester School for the Deaf Outreach Center  
**Company:** Rochester School for the Deaf  
Vicki T says: *"Leap to higher heights!"*  
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**Name:** T Alan Hurwitz  
**Occupation:** Professor and Dean of NTID  
**Company:** Rochester Institute of Technology  
T Alan says: *"Keep your options wide open."*  
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This features successful individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing in the workplace. This Web aims to inspire students who are deaf and hard of hearing and to assist them in becoming aware of career possibilities.

The project documents the lives of individuals, highlighting their experiences growing up as well as factors that made them successful.

The Web site attractively displays photos, names, position descriptions, employers and comments from hundreds of individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing from all walks of life. Contact information on questionnaires is kept confidential.

**Add your profile now**

Any questions or suggestions about this Web site, please contact [goals@rit.edu](mailto:goals@rit.edu)

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Please fill out all parts of the questionnaire. The following information will be kept confidential; city, state, postal code, home phone, and email address. All other information will be displayed in this website.

**Contact Information**

Title:  First Name:  Last Name:   
 City:   
 State:  State Selection  
 Postal Code:   
 Home Phone:   V  TTY  
 Email:   
 If you do not have an email address, please enter "NA".

**Educational Background**

Institutions & describe the accommodations you received as a student:

Majors & Degrees:

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The Videotape Series

Strong role models have a major influence in the aspirations of young students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The videotapes:

- Motivate students to become active participants in determining their own futures
- Provide powerful role models whose ambition and drive allowed them to overcome great obstacles on the way to professional success
- Describe how much can be achieved through motivation, hard work, education, and goal setting
- Examine environmental and attitudinal barriers that impede deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals from acquiring jobs
- Inspire students to "be the first" individual who is deaf or hard of hearing to enter a given profession

Achieving Goals! Career Stories of Individuals Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Completion Date
Vol. 1 Phenomenal Professionals	Available Now!
Vol. 2 Brilliant at Business	Available Now!
Vol. 3 'DEAFinitely' Dynamic	Available Now!
Vol. 4 Computer Professionals	Winter '04
Vol. 5 Trades	Fall '05

The videotapes will be a resource for secondary schools, colleges, universities, and proprietary programs to provide mentorship to 45,000 students who are deaf and hard of hearing. The videotapes will be distributed nationally through the PEPINet Resource Center, PEPINet Resource Center. Order from Anthony Ivanovic, PEPINet Resource Specialist.

PEPINet, the Postsecondary Education Programs Network, is the national collaboration of four Regional Postsecondary Education Centers. The Centers are supported by contracts with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services.

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**Phenomenal Professionals**

	<b>Veterinarian</b> Kimberly Dodge, DVM <a href="#">Quicktime Link</a> <a href="#">RealPlayer Link</a> <a href="#">Windows Media Link</a>
	<b>Optometrist</b> Dr. Angel Santiago <a href="#">Quicktime Link</a> <a href="#">RealPlayer Link</a> <a href="#">Windows Media Link</a>
	<b>Pediatrician</b> Dr. Scott Smith, MD, MPH <a href="#">Quicktime Link</a> <a href="#">RealPlayer Link</a> <a href="#">Windows Media Link</a>
	<b>Attorney</b> Claudia Gordon, Esq. <a href="#">Quicktime Link</a> <a href="#">RealPlayer Link</a> <a href="#">Windows Media Link</a>

Click the links to see a brief clip from each person's full video segment.

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**Achieving Goals Videotapes**





- Vol.1 Phenomenal Professionals Available now!
- Vol. 2 Brilliant at Business Available now!
- Vol. 3 DEAFinitely Dynamic Available now!
- Vol. 4 Computers Winter '04
- Vol. 5 Entrepreneurs and Pioneers Summer '05

**Vol. 1 Phenomenal Professionals**

- Dr. Angel Santiago - Optometrist
- Dr. Kimberly Dodge - Veterinarian
- Claudia Gordon - Attorney
- Dr. Scott Smith - Pediatrician





 **Vol. 2  
Brilliant at Business**


- Jimmy Libman – Gimmee Jimmy's Cookies 
- Lee Kramer – Kramer Financial Services 
- Elizabeth Rios – Sprint Relay Account Executive 
- Theresa King – King Me Enterprises 

 **Vol. 3  
DEAFinitely Dynamic**

- Marilyn Smith 
- Yolanda Rodriguez, Ed.D. 
- Curtis Pride 
- Cesar Torres 

 **Vol.4  
Computer Professionals**

- Dawn Skwersky 
- Ben Magee 
- Van Nguyen
- Brian Doane

 **Vol.5  
Entrepreneurs and Pioneers**

- Filming '04-'05
- Interested in interviewing
 

Shipbuilders	Meter maids
Maintenance workers	Hotel staff
Car mechanics	Cafeteria workers
Truck drivers	Food Service workers
Referees	Factory workers
Chefs	....and others!
Cheerleaders	
Pilots	

Suggestions welcome, especially persons from minority cultures!


 **Work Accommodations**

*Modification changes the way a job is done,  
not the job requirements*


 **Jimmy Libman** 

Gimmee Jimmy's Cookie Business has light system!





## Dr. Kimberly Dodge



Veterinarian is promoting new, clear face mask:

Read lips in surgery!



## Dr. Scott Smith





Pediatrician uses new stethoscope

Deaf doctors can "listen" to heartbeats!




## Lee Kramer



Financial Analyst uses videoconferencing in his successful business!





## Where to Get Videotapes

[www.pepnet.org](http://www.pepnet.org)

Resource Center  
Tony Ivankovic  
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PEPNet products

Videos:	Vol. 1	Vol.2	Vol.3
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