

## **Summary**

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### **Achieving Goals! Career Stories of Individuals Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

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

NETAC presents the multi-award winning video and Web site project, "Achieving Goals! Career Stories of Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing."

Attendees will view the Web site and videos that document the lives of individuals, highlighting their experiences growing up as well as factors that make them successful in the workplace. Video segments will be shown that feature individuals working with computers in unique and interesting job positions.

The presentation will:

- Inspire students to "be the first" individual who is deaf or hard of hearing to enter a given profession
- Provide powerful role models whose ambition and drive allowed them to overcome great obstacles on the way to professional success
- Motivate students to become active participants in determining their own futures
- Describe how much can be achieved through motivation, hard work, education, and goal setting
- Demonstrate some interesting and unique careers

using computers

Others who may benefit from experiencing this series include counselors, teachers of students who are deaf and hard of hearing, parents, Vocational Rehabilitation counselors, and beginning students preparing for careers in deaf education.

The videotape series is a collaborative effort of NETAC and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. These videos have won the Telly Award, two awards at US International Film & Video Festivals, The Communicator Crystal Award of Excellence, an Aurora Award, The Accolade Award, and most recently, the 2004 Media Access Award of Excellence.