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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."

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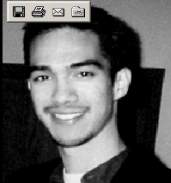
**Name:** Candie Barrere  
**Occupation:** Veterinarian  
**Company:** Total Pet Care, Maumee OH

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

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 **Name:** Barbara A. Brauer

**Samuel Atcherson**




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


**Job categories.** Click on one of the job categories below to find others like Samuel

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**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@ntid.edu](mailto:goals@ntid.edu)

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**Contact Information**

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First Name:

Last Name:

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Address2:

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Postal Code:

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Home Phone:  V ☐ TTY ☐

Work Phone:  V ☐ TTY ☐

Fax:

Email:

If you do not have an email address, please enter "NM"

Please fill out all parts of the questionnaire. The Web site will display only your name, company, position, and comments. All other information will be held confidential.

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Claudia Gordon – Attorney

Dr. Scott Smith – Pediatrician

Lee Kramer – Kramer Financial Services



## Jimmy Libman



Gimmee Jimmy's Cookie Business



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## Claudia Gordon, Esq.



Attorney



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## Dr. Kimberly Dodge



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Pediatrician uses new stethoscope

Deaf doctors can "listen"  
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## Lee Kramer



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***Modification changes the  
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## *“Ability” Perspective*

**Deafness = ~~Disability?~~**

**Deafness = Ability!**

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## *“Ability” Perspective*

**“Deaf people can do  
*anything,*  
except hear!”**

*I King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University*

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