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## Graduate Student Spotlight: Vinnie Page!

Vinnie Page is a Utica College graduate student who was recently featured on [The Mighty](#). The Mighty is a website as well as an E-Newsletter comprised of writers, producers, developers, etc. According to Mike Porath, founder of The Mighty, "the challenges we face truly can become our greatest opportunities". [The Mighty](#) was founded on the belief that a media company can be more than a business, and at its best it could actually help people. So how does this apply to our UC pioneer graduate student Vinnie Page?



[The Mighty](#) held a contest asking readers to nominate a mighty special needs teacher of the year. Vinnie Page was one of the five selected. She holds an Associate's degree from MVCC, a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego. Vinnie is a single mom to two young boys after losing her fiancé in an unexpected snowmobile accident. While working on her on her Master's of Childhood and Special Education from Utica College, she teaches at the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome. Vinnie says her motto is to live life to the fullest! You could say this is what makes her mighty! She took a chance and left her job at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities when her aunt suggested she consider a

## Important Dates

Please note the upcoming deadlines:

**August 28** - Convocation

**August 31** - Classes begin (on-ground, online, and hybrid)

**September 4** - Last day to add or drop 8-week classes (D1)

**September 8** - Last day to add or drop full-term classes

**September 21** - BLOC closes for 8-week programs

**September 22** - 2nd payment due for 8-week programs

**September 27** - Midterm grades due for 8-week programs

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long term substitute job at the Deaf School. It was a move she does not regret and she truly loves her work. She has a small classroom of four students with various hearing impairments; her teaching methods include a combination of voice and sign language, voice amplifiers, and visual aids. Vinnie puts her all into teaching and forms a bond with each of her students; she even implements aspects of the students' interests into her lessons to help them learn.

Vinnie Page came to UC because she had heard great things about the education program and the location allowed her to stay local for her children, another choice she is glad she made. Vinnie says that UC has helped her get where she is today by teaching things that are not only valuable but relevant from interview skills, how to use buzzwords, differentiated instruction, lesson planning, and more". One of the major things Vinnie has learned is to not stress out so much and focus on what really matters because we are often our own worst critics. Her advice for fellow students is "education is not just a degree and a piece of paper, you are going to use what you learn, so fully invest and immerse yourself, but don't drive yourself crazy." and to "learn something new every day, things will never be boring". In living every day to the fullest, devoting herself to her students and family, and pursuing her Master's degree, Vinnie Page truly is mighty!

To read her interview with The Mighty go to:

<http://themighty.com/2015/07/meet-vinnie-page-one-of-our-mighty-special-needs-teachers-of-the-year/>

## The Write Idea: Setting Writing Deadlines

Working on a big project such as a capstone or thesis, getting to the finish line can seem a long way away. Depending on your academic program and thesis or capstone chair the course have a set structure and timeline. If not, or if you need a more detailed plan, the key to break any big project is to break it down into smaller pieces with an end date for completion that includes deadlines for each piece.

Before you can set personal deadlines you will want to check with the college to find out any required deadlines. At Utica College thesis and capstone deadline can be found on the [Office of Graduate Studies](#) website under [Graduation Deadlines](#). These include deadlines for application for degree, official submission, [Phase III completion](#) form, as well as suggested deadlines for submission to the committee. The deadlines found on this website (with the exception of suggested deadlines) are required for all graduate students in order to graduate. This provides a good starting point for your completion timeline.



## Fall Welcome!

The fall term is here! With that in mind, the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) would like to welcome you. In honor of the new term, OGS would like to extend an invitation to each of you to stop by our office located in 124 White Hall.

Light refreshments will be served and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have or direct you to resources!

Please stop by 124 White Hall anytime Monday, August 31st from 7:45am-6:45pm and Tuesday, September 1st from 7:30am-7:15pm!

We look forward to seeing you!

For more information visit the Office of Student Financial Services' website or contact them at [315-792-3197](tel:315-792-3197).

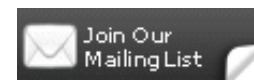
Aside from the official college deadlines, your committee may have their own deadlines or a set order in which to write the required sections. If not, or in addition to start with the final submission deadline and work backward. Be sure to factor in time for research, editing, and revisions from your committee and the college. Once you have your timeline you can plan time to write each section of the paper. Some people prefer to write chapters in order starting with the introduction and end with the recommendations and conclusion. Others find it helpful to write chapter one last because you may not have all the information yet that you gain in the following chapters. Something else to keep in mind is your own personal schedule, if there is a particularly busy time for you, you may be able to plan ahead and schedule to get more work done ahead of time.

Whether your capstone or thesis is very structured or more flexible setting deadlines will help you stay on task. Planning, organization, and a realistic timeline are key to meeting the completion deadline. If you have any questions about the thesis or capstone project feel free to contact the Office of Graduate Studies at: [ogs@utica.edu](mailto:ogs@utica.edu) or [315-792-3335](tel:315-792-3335).

## Did you know?

The Graduate Student Organization has a [Facebook page](#). While the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) as a physical group has been disbanded due to low engagement, this page will still be used to convey important information and provide a forum for graduate students to speak with each other, ask questions, provide tips, etc. Speaking of the GSO page maybe you saw the photographer at Graduate Commencement and wondered what happened to those pictures. Well they can be found on the Graduate Student Organization's Facebook page [here](#). Check them out, like them, comment, and share any fun memories you have. Who knows maybe you will find yourself in them. Remember to like and share the page with your friends!

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