

Disability Services and Programs for Students

Cheri Owen

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Independent, persistent, positive, and inspirational describes student Cheri Owen. Cheri is an effective self-advocate that faces significant barriers daily. Yet her blindness does not interfere with her ability to see her educational path in order to realize her goal of obtaining a Studio Arts degree. Cheri utilizes assistive technology in her quest to make the inaccessible accessible. Cheri's service dog, Martinez, assists her in navigating physical barriers around campus and the community. Although Cheri may enter a room without color or dimension, she has a natural ability to light it up for everyone else. Watching Cheri achieve her passion makes her a role model for all.