I am a Goleta local. I am a single mother of a toddler.

I want to be able **to provide all the things my daughter needs to be happy** so I'm going **back to school for the first** **time in about 11 years.**

I'm an artist by nature, been drawing my whole life, so the graphic design thing seemed like a logical step if I want to make money and still do my art.

**Victoria Torf**

At the beginning of the semester Harmony introduced herself to her

School of Media Arts classmates with a simple statement: "I am here

because I have to do this for my daughter. I need to learn the skills

for a profession that I think I will be good at, and that I can earn a

living at."

So after a long stint away from school, **and little to no experience**

**with computer graphics and the technology of media arts,** Harmony

devoted herself to graphics and media design.

Although, I understand the task seemed often overwhelming, and the demands of the coursework challenging, she consistently persevered to learn and create rich, and

meaningful graphics in each of her courses.

She brings with her a fresh eye to design — often dark, often humorous — and a willingness and openness to tackle anything.

Harmony summed up her introduction by saying: "I'm an artist by

nature, so my aesthetic sense is already there. Now I just have to

find the techie within! So, with a lot of really hard work, and never

sleeping again, I should be able to do this."

Yes, she absolutely has been able to do this.... **with stellar results**

**and loads of promise!**