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Sponsor: Fred Stevenson

Course: Math 323

The UTA program was great! In fact, it practically fulfilled my every need: “Fencing. Fighting. Torture. Poison. True love. Hate. Revenge. Giants. Hunters. Bad men. Good men. Beautifullest ladies. Snakes. Spiders. Beasts of all natures and descriptions. Pain. Death. Brave men. Coward men. Strongest men. Chases. Escapes. Lies. Truths. Passion. Miracles.”¹ Yep. That pretty much sums up my experience. Pretty much.

This semester I was a UTA for Professor Fred Stevenson in Math 323. Going into the program, I didn't know Professor Stevenson and wasn't very sure what I had gotten myself into. Now, at the end of the semester, I have to say it was a terrific decision of mine to get involved as a UTA. Professor Stevenson was fantastic. I've enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him and work with some of his students. Many times I found myself being grateful for the chance to review some of my Math 323 skills as I helped people in the class. If I had to pick a single aspect of being a UTA to continue doing on my own, it would be tutoring. I had so many uplifting experiences and often left the room feeling like I really helped someone to understand a concept. Tutoring is so rewarding. There aren't many things that can take the place of feeling like you've made a difference in someone else's life, even if it's only by bringing down their stress level in math.

Overall? A fabulous experience.

1. S. Morgenstern, & William Goldman (Ed.). (1998). *The Princess Bride*. New York: The Ballantine Publishing Group.