



Cosmetology Graduate Rises Above Personal Hardship and Builds Successful Career



Have you ever wondered how many different ways there are to put a cosmetology education to use? Just look to Rebecca Schembri of Reno, Nevada for an inspiring example. Rebecca is a proud graduate of the Milan Institute of Cosmetology campus in Reno, Nevada. She is a resident stylist for the beautiful Salon 215 South, located in midtown Reno and also works with the best regional talent in the beauty industry on projects for television, film and photo shoots. You'll also want to stay tuned for her upcoming appearance on The Plush Life television show as Salon 215 South's new premiere hair and makeup artist.

Rebecca balances her professional time between hairdressing and educating in salons nationwide. She has an online magazine, Your Personal Stylist and is the only TIGI® Colourist Ambassador in the state of Nevada. She will also be the lead hair and makeup artist for the Mrs. USA Universal pageant in Reno coming up in June 2015.

It was during a difficult period in her life that Rebecca learned about Milan Institute of Cosmetology. She was a single mother of three kids and unemployed after losing her job due to the recession. The State of Nevada Division of Welfare required that she either find a job or enroll in school. "Companies in my previous field of real estate leasing still weren't hiring, so I chose beauty school," says Rebecca.

One of the most difficult elements of going to school for Rebecca was not having a steady income. State welfare helped out with food for her and her kids, and she received federal grants and loans to pay for her tuition. "I had to have faith that one day I would be able to support myself."

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Milan Institute Expands in West Bakersfield: New Campus Offers Exciting New Programs

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It's with much excitement and anticipation that we have launched our brand new Oil and Gas career training programs at the Bakersfield West location. The first class started bright and early Monday, April 6, 2015. Students will be earning an Associate of Occupational Studies in Oil and Gas Process Technology* degree. This course is packed with curriculum geared toward fulfilling the demands of our local market in the petroleum industry. The program provides our students with hope and an opportunity to create value for themselves in an industry that's looking for educated employees. Bakersfield is a prime area for careers in petroleum and is known for having the fifth largest oil field in the United States.

We've begun our first class with experienced and educated instructors who've been working within the industry for numerous years and bring a wealth of knowledge and education to our students. They're passionate about personal growth and are true examples of how hard work pays off. We're proud to have such a dynamic team who are eager to pour into our students.

Although our new campus is still very much under construction, we've started our students in our first classroom with great success. The classroom is freshly painted and well put together with the technology and tools needed for a hands-on experience. The campus has an industrial look, creating a professional environment where our students can equip

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About six months into cosmetology training at Milan, Rebecca experienced another difficult setback. “My mom gave us sixty days’ notice and asked us to move out of her house. I was unemployed, had seven months until I would graduate and now my children and I were going to be homeless.” Though the financial stress weighed heavily, Rebecca realizes now that her mother believed she could do it on her own. “I was scared and angry, but I dug deep, rented an apartment and made it work. My mom’s actions forced me to be independent. I thank her for that now, and I still give her flowers on Mother’s Day,” laughs Rebecca.

At Milan, not only did Rebecca learn about the beauty industry, she also learned how to run a business, and how to think positively and set goals. “Those are skills I use every day,” says Rebecca. “I recommend Milan to prospective cosmetology students because I believe that I received a superior education. Now I have a career that pays well and is globally recognized. I love that.”

Rebecca’s encouragement to those desiring to enter the beauty industry: “Ask yourself, how soon do you want to be successful? If the answer is right away, then you must do the things that will drive you to success right away. Achieve excellent grades. Have exceptional attendance. Respect your instructors. Do your homework. Practice often and always work diligently. Most importantly, embrace your fear; set out and land your clients.” ■

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themselves for the industry. In just fourteen months, they’ll be Associate graduates and on their way to a life that proves the risk was worth it.

In the future, we look forward to starting additional programs, including an Instrumentation Technician certificate and an Electrician program. Both programs are geared towards the petroleum industry and are rooted in not only meeting the needs of our local market, but creating confident, valuable, and well-rounded employees. These programs can be completed in under a year and are packed with the education employers seek.

The Bakersfield West Campus is proud to be an influential part of such a historical industry. We look forward to the impact our students will have on both our community and our economy. ■



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