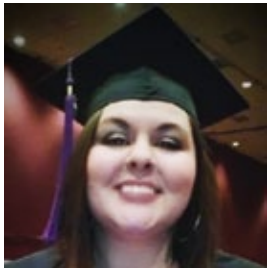




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Meet some of our successful graduates...

Jamie Ponnell, Medical Assisting



Jamie Ponnell hasn't had the easiest road to success, but that doesn't discourage

her at all. This 2013 Medical Assisting graduate from Milan Institute in Sparks, Nevada, doesn't let anyone or anything stand in her way.

Jamie became a mother at the young age of 18, and two of her three children were born with special needs. "I had no choice but to adapt to their needs medically. They're what sparked my interest in the medical field," Jamie tells us.

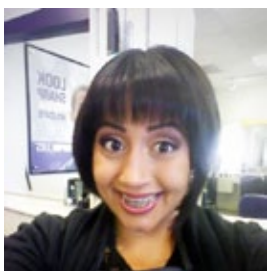
Being a wife and mother, and needing to take care of the needs of her children, Jamie wasn't sure that she would be able to go back to school. She credits the love and support of her husband and kids with giving her the motivation she needed to take that step. "I am so pleased with my decision to go back," says Jamie. "I wanted something better for myself and my family; I wanted a career. Enrolling at Milan was truly one of the best decisions I've ever made."

Less than two weeks from graduating, injuries from an auto accident forced her to take a sixty-day leave of absence from school. "I didn't want to take a leave of absence, but I had no choice," says Jamie. In spite of this setback, Jamie

chose to remain focused on her goal. Thankfully, says Jamie, "The instructors and staff at Milan are incredible and will do anything to help you." With their help, Jamie was able to work on independent study when she returned and went on to complete her program, her externship and successfully graduate. Her externship with Renown Pediatrics in Reno, Nevada, worked out so well that Jamie is now employed there full time.

Jamie leaves us with this advice from her educational experience, "No matter how hard your life is, if you truly want it, you can do it," she says. "Never let anyone tell you otherwise." ■

Jenny Quiroz, Cosmetology



Jenny Quiroz has certainly found the reward in keeping her eyes on

the prize. The 2013 Cosmetology graduate from the Clovis, California, campus knew from the start that her goal after graduation was to land a job with the national salon franchise chain, Supercuts®. And that is exactly what she did.

Jenny is a single mother. She knew that she wanted to work for Supercuts® because of the benefits

they offer employees. Benefits such as hourly pay, health insurance and paid training were precisely the type of safety net and stability Jenny was seeking. With that goal in mind, she enrolled in the Cosmetology program at Milan to earn her cosmetology license.

Having a long-term plan helped Jenny set herself up to succeed while in school. "I took advantage of all the tools that were offered to me," she says. "The instructors were willing to give me a lot, even when I wasn't showing a passing percentage." She credits her instructors with helping to guide her along and help her conquer the theory portion of the program, which was difficult for

her. "The hands-on learning was excellent. It helped push me through and kept me motivated and focused on passing my state exam," says Jenny.

Jenny reports that she loves her stylist position at Supercuts® in Fresno, California, and she has been in the top 15 of Supercuts® stylists in her area for several weeks running. Jenny tells us she's happy with her experience at Milan Institute. "I'd do it all again," she says. "I recommend Milan to people all the time. I made the right choice in choosing Milan; they helped me find my way down a path in life that I love." Her only regret says Jenny, "I wish I'd enrolled sooner." ■

Winter 2014 Milan Institute Design Competition

Cosmetology, Esthetician and Manicurist/Nail Technologist students went head-to-head in January in the Winter 2014 Milan Institute Design Competition. Students showed their creative talents in Bridal/Updo Hair Design, Fantasy/Creative Makeup Design, Creative Hair Design and Artistic Nail Design. The top designs in each category from each Milan campus were then voted on by Facebook users for the title of "Milan Top Artist."



Winners of the Milan Top Artist Facebook competitions were:

Bridal/Updo Hair Design
Angelica Urigas • San Antonio-Military campus
Fantasy/Creative Makeup Design
Tiffany Badoud • Bakersfield campus
Creative Hair Design
Rosy Bergman • Bakersfield campus
Artistic Nail Design
Karol Rico • Bakersfield campus

You can check out their winning designs on the Milan Facebook page in the Photo Album "Facebook Milan Top Artist Winners Winter 2014." ■

Milan Institute & Milan Institute of Cosmetology Student Salons & Massage Spas Raise \$8,621 for Wounded Warrior Project®

Milan Institute and Milan Institute of Cosmetology campuses proudly rallied together in late February to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project®. Proceeds from all student salon and massage spa services on

February 25th were given to the Wounded Warrior Project®. A total of \$8,621 was donated.

For over ten years, the mission of the Wounded Warrior Project® has

been to honor and empower our nation's wounded veterans. Wounded Warrior Project® is equipped to serve wounded service members and their families with every type of injury – from the physical to the invisible wounds of war. ■

Milan Institute Massage Therapy Student Receives \$500 Scholarship

In April, Milan Institute Palm Desert, California, Massage Therapy student Zachary Feig was awarded a scholarship of \$500 by Massage Envy of the Desert. Zachary was the first recipient of the quarterly scholarship. Criteria for the scholarship were students' attendance, grade point average, good citizenship and practical skills test proctored by representatives of Massage Envy of the Desert. Described by his instructors as "very

determined and dedicated," Zachary had a 99.33% attendance record and overall Grade Point Average of 3.65.

Massage Envy of the Desert consists of three locations in the Coachella Valley under the ownership of Holly Lassak. Ms. Lassak is working with the Milan Institute Palm Desert campus to offer scholarships to top performing Massage Therapy students each quarter.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement, Zachary! ■



Milan's Nampa Campuses Donate \$1,090 to the Nampa Family Justice Center

Milan Institute and Milan Institute of Cosmetology in Nampa, Idaho, gave back to their community in March by having a fundraiser for the Nampa Family Justice Center.

The Nampa Family Justice Center helps victims of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault. Proceeds from all services performed in the Nampa student massage spa and salon on March 18th were donated to the center, totaling \$1,090. ■



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