

# NICOLE RENSCHLER

## Snipping, Cutting, Brushing, and Coloring: Cosmetology

Graduate: Class of 2009    Occupation: Cosmetologist    By Whitney Kuhn, Spring, 2010

While working at Beauty Stop in Otwell and going to college at VUJC, Nicole Renschler sometimes struggles living her dream. She has been working there since December of 2009. Nicole and I have something in common, making people better looking than they already are and making them happy. Before Nicole worked as a cosmetologist, she was a sales/status representative at Touch of Class Catalog in Huntingburg. She took orders over the phone and informed people where their packages were. Nicole graduated from Forest Park Jr.-Sr. High School in 2009. She was a good friend of mine, and we grew up together by going to the same church. Later we found out that we went to the same school.

The main mission of Nicole's career is performing cosmetology service including haircuts, hair color, waxing, perms, scalp treatments, demineralization treatments, shampoo, styles, and up-dos. Her current work responsibilities are showing up on time for appointments and provide services to her clients. She also has to keep a positive attitude always no matter what situation occurs. She has to sweep, dust, mop, wipe down her station, keep her supplies in stock, take out trash, and wash towels and capes. What Nicole enjoys most about her job is meeting many wonderful and different people and making them look good. She least enjoys the days that are slow, and she sits at the shop for hours and does not make much money. The most challenging or stressful times involve difficult clients who are never satisfied. Some days it is difficult to figure out how to make the customer happy. Sometimes they do not explain well what they want.

Although Nicole struggled through high school managing to graduate, juggling a demanding job, her high school homework, and going to beauty college all at the same time, she made it through just fine. Highlights of her post high school experience are being privileged to begin a job in one of her career choices and to have the opportunity to go back to college for accounting. Words of wisdom from Nicole are, "Do your best in high school, and don't worry so much about gossip and cliques but more on academics and extracurricular activities because gossip and cliques do not help or benefit you in the long run."

Nicole chose the field of cosmetology because while growing up, she has had a strong interest in beauty and hair. She has always loved talking, listening to, and meeting new people. She also is majoring in accounting because she loves math and numbers. She would really like to have the opportunity to get a job with accounting and still be a cosmetologist. Nicole knows how to manage her money, and she would like to manage everyone else's money so that they are comfortable living with the right amount of money.

Throughout high school Nicole's favorite and most influential teacher was Mrs. Shobe. Nicole said, "She was an amazing teacher. She was very helpful and understanding. She knew how to teach in a way that made class interesting, enjoyable, and memorable. She prepared me for the best for my future in life and as a college student."

Nicole's last thoughts, "It makes my day when I leave work knowing I have made at least one more person in this world, if not more, a happier person. Thanks to Nicole, I now know more about the profession I want to be in when I graduate and know the work I have ahead of me.