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OCVTS Program: Cosmetology, Brick Center - Kelly Maloney, Instructor

Student: Lena Paternoster

Employer: Lavish Salon, Long Beach Island – Brittany Romano, Owner

Website: lavishlbi.com

As the website states, Lavish Salon located on Long Beach Island, is a unique and intimate salon featuring a blend of cutting edge techniques, exclusive hair and color design, exceptional customer service, trend setting stylists, and meticulous attention to detail. Lena, a graduate from Brick's Cosmetology Program is employed at Lavish Salon. "Lena is a natural in this industry! Her confidence along with knowledge of the industry and passion to learn are helping her fly to success in this career. She is a pleasure to work with," remarked Brittany Romano, the owner of Lavish Salon.

Kelly Maloney, Cosmetology Instructor commented, "Lena was an outstanding cosmetology student. Lena was always practicing her skills. On Fridays when I allowed students to work independently on manikins or partners, Lena was never the client. In senior year, Lena was able to complete several services during class time on different people. She managed her time wisely. I feel very proud of Lena. She is a fabulous cosmetologist. Lena is the type of person that will succeed at anything she tries through hard work and dedication."

Lena remarked, "Ms. Maloney is such a good cosmetology instructor; she was hands - on during teaching and made sure we were prepared for the state board test. Not only did she give us tons of work to make sure we learned everything, she made each day fun and exciting. Every day was filled with smiles and laughter. Ms. Maloney was the first person to help me start my career. I still go and visit her because she is such an awesome person."

Britney at Lavish Salon has taken me under her wing since she hired me when I first got my permit. You think you know it all when you graduate but you only know the basics. Britney has taught me how to be a great stylist in the real world. She also supports all of her employees and doesn't force anything on us if we don't feel comfortable. In this business you never stop learning and Britney has taught me some of the many things I need to know to be successful, not to mention her and all the other stylists are extremely talented. Not only has she and the other girls helped me improve in my career... they have all become family to me."