

# Ocean County Vocational Technical School

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**Students:** Lindsey Ernst

**OCVTS Program:** Cosmetology

**Instructor:** Kelly Maloney

**Employer:** Le Palais Hair Lounge, Brielle, NJ

**Website:** [www.lepalaishairlounge.com](http://www.lepalaishairlounge.com)

**Class of:** 2013

**Center:** Brick

**In Lindsey's own words...** For the last four years, I have been a member of the Le Palais Hair Lounge team. My boss, Sashia, hired me when I was only seventeen years old while I was still in high school and enrolled in the second year of the cosmetology class. I am so grateful to OCVTS and my cosmetology teacher Kelly Maloney for teaching and encouraging me, and helping me find my true passion for the beauty industry. While working at Le Palais, Sashia took me under her wing and I continued to learn. Four years ago, I never would have expected myself to be working with such a wonderful team that I have grown to love so much.

Sashia Torres, owner of Le Palais Hair Lounge, was quick to say, "Lindsey is one of the most creative stylists that I have had the pleasure of mentoring. She gets a vision and always delivers. She is an incredible artist from make-up to up-styling. There is nothing Lindsey cannot do. Like Lindsey, I am proud to say that I, too, am a graduate from the cosmetology program at the Brick Center. I have been in the beauty industry for fifteen years and I owe it to OCVTS for teaching me the fundamentals. Since I graduated, I have had the pleasure of furthering my education with the most elite schools in the country including Vidal Sassoon, Bumble and Bumble, and the Redken Exchange NYC. I opened Le Palais Hair Lounge in 2007 and I could not be happier to have fulfilled my dream.

This is such a "feel good" success story. Kelly Maloney, cosmetology instructor at the Brick Center nominated Lindsey Ernst as one of her many success stories. She commented, "Lindsey Ernst competed at SkillsUSA for cosmetology in her junior year. She went onto the state competition in her senior year and she also competed in esthetics and fantasy make-up. Lindsey was extremely artistic. She excelled in hair color and make-up application and took pride in making others look and feel great. (Speaking of looking great, Lindsey Ernst pictured left and Sashia Torres pictured right)

