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OCVTS Program: Cosmetology, Brick, Jackson, Toms River Centers

Students: (left to right) Melanie Thoms, Marianne Servidio, Amanda Matthews, Samantha Wechus, Nicole Patterson (kneeling)

Employer: Hair Friends & Co., Toms River – Joanne Polacek, Owner (sitting)

Website: hairfriendsandcompany.com

Cosmetology is one of the most popular programs being offered at OCVTS with a variety of time frames including shared-time, twilight and evening programs. The above picture is a testimonial as to why students select a career path in cosmetology...they enjoy working. Located on Route 37 in Toms River is one of the more successful salons in our area, Hair Friends & Co. Joanne Polacek, the owner, is happy to say, "Hair Friends & Co has been in business for thirty-three years. We are fortunate to have five OCVTS graduates working with us ranging from one to thirty years. Thank you for the opportunity."

Reflecting back on their time at Vo-Tech, this fine group of alumni just wanted to say, "Vocational School gave me the foundation and structure for where I am today and has set me up for my career that I truly love. I have been with Hair Friends for sixteen years. Attending vocational school gave me the mind set to go out and find a job that would educate and inspire me to be the best hairdresser I could be! OCVTS gave me the base foundation and ability to succeed in my career. As a shared-time student, I am very grateful that I received a free education and now have a career that I love. Getting to make people smile everyday is very rewarding."

All of the OCVTS graduates @ Hair Friends & Co. express a sincere gratitude to their instructors in the cosmetology programs including Jill Stromborn, Barbara Stewart, Carol Franzysen (retired) and Lee Gillard (retired). Congratulations to all for a job well done!