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# Student Connection



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## Hiedi Stiegelmeyer **Cuyahoga Heights**



Hiedi Stiegelmeyer is a student at Cuyahoga Heights High School and is enrolled in CVCC's Cosmetology program, instructed by Melissa Fox. Choosing the Cosmetology program was an easy decision for Hiedi—she has always loved doing hair and wanted to confirm whether this was the career path she wanted to pursue after high school. She also appreciates knowing that cosmetology is a skill she can always fall back on, no matter where her future takes her. Hiedi is especially grateful for her instructor and the friendships she has built with her classmates from different school districts. Working alongside peers who she can relate to and share similar goals has made the experience even more meaningful. The hands-on nature of the program has completely changed her perspective on school, making it something she truly looks forward to as she actively works toward her future career.

After graduation, Hiedi plans to begin working in a salon right away, with the goal of becoming a blonding specialist—highlights are her favorite service to perform. This past summer, she gained valuable real-world experience through an internship at Anthony Amato Salon in Independence, where she learned what day-to-day life in a salon is really like. Currently, Hiedi is focused on preparing for the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Examination as she begins her journey toward a rewarding career in the beauty industry. Outside of academics, she is involved in cheerleading at Cuyahoga Heights High School and enjoys spending time with friends, whether that means shopping or relaxing at a coffee shop. Her advice to future students? "Give CVCC a try. There's no right or wrong decision, but don't cut yourself short—you're never going to get this opportunity again." Keep up the great work, Hiedi! We'll be cheering you on throughout the rest of your cosmetology journey.

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