

# From Classroom to Career

With the proper Career and Technical Education courses, some students are able to go straight from graduation into their chosen field. Christine Rinehart is one such student.

Before graduating from Hayfield Secondary, Christine took full advantage of the school's Trade & Industrial programs. After taking introduction to cosmetology, cosmetology I, and cosmetology II, she earned her state licensure and was able to move directly into her job as a hairstylist and image consultant at a Lorton salon.

Christine says the courses at Hayfield helped her succeed in more ways than one. "Of course it was useful to get my cosmetology license," notes Christine, "but more than that, the interaction with all sorts of people was valuable. Any experience life has to offer is worthwhile."

## **CHRISTINE RHINEHART** Hairstylist/Image Consultant

**High School:** Hayfield Secondary School

**CTE Programs Studied:** Introduction to Cosmetology, Cosmetology I, II

**Additional Studies/Training:**  
State Board Certified in Cosmetology

## Hair Stylist

Call it a growth industry, but there's always a need for stylists. The cosmetology programs in Virginia's public schools enable many students to proceed directly from the classroom to the workplace. It takes "people-skills," an eye for fashion, and sometimes an entrepreneurial drive.

## Electives to take in high school

- Cosmetology I, II, III

## What to study after high school

Hair stylists must be licensed in Virginia. To receive a license, an applicant must be at least 16, and must have completed an apprenticeship, a cosmetology school program, or a high school program, and must pass both written and practical exams. While college studies aren't required for the field, stylists wishing to start their own salons may benefit greatly from business courses at the community college level.