

# Seniors get styled by juniors

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COVENTRY — Students from Coventry High School's cosmetology program at the Career and Technical Center visited the senior center last week to practice their skills and serve the community.

They were there to provide hair and nail services to seniors in the community free of charge. It was their first time at the center, but they have a second date planned for June 10.

The students were there with their teacher JoAnne Gorman and teacher Becky Haynes.

"Ms. Gorman thought it would be a meaningful experience for her students," Haynes said, giving her the credit.

"Students gain skill while servicing the public," student Adrianna Smith explained.

They were there not only working to earn school credit, but many of them are using cosmetology for their senior capstone project that they will need to graduate next year, Haynes said.

Manicures, hair sets and styling were all offered right on the spot. The nearly 30 seniors they serviced had scheduled appointments ahead of time. To sign up for the June 10 date they can call Pat Saballa, project coordinator at the senior center.

The students were all juniors except for one and mostly in their second year in the cosmetology program that just started last year at Coventry High. It has a huge waiting list to get in, one of the students said. They also bus in out-of-district students to be a part the program.

Gorman said she would like to make a habit out of doing projects like this with her students.

One out-of-district student, Lauren Martino of North Kingstown, said she thinks it's fun because they get to not only practice their skills but to see how people live and hear how they feel about themselves.



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Students from the cosmetology program at Coventry High School gave manicures and hair treatments to residents at the senior center last week.

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Carly Fordham of West Greenwich said, "I like making people smile."

Coventry resident Barbara Balkus was getting a manicure and said she was a stylist herself and still renews her license. "When I went to school they never had any of this," she said.

Kyle Pruenca of West Warwick said his client

was amazing and Alyssa Capuano of Coventry said she preferred this to job shadowing. "It's a better experience," she said. They get more feedback and are able to know if they are doing well, she said.

Haynes teaches literacy and is helping the students with their capstone projects. The project requires that students pick a topic, research it and create a product or in this case a service.