

# Mission Moments

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## A Job That's Always in Style

Samantha's resume reads, "I love hair because it's a way to make people feel beautiful and happy. My passion for the industry has led me not only to get my cosmetology license, but also a cosmetology business degree from Vincennes University. Now, I need to find the right salon to continue my dreams."

This quest is what brought her to Tangram. Samantha had earned a cosmetology license after studying at the Free Style Academy for Hair in Boone County. After Free Style Academy, Samantha wanted to learn cosmetology from a business perspective. So, she enrolled in Vincennes University and graduated summa cum laude with an associate's degree in cosmetology/business management.

The next step in her journey was to find employment at a salon. The hair styling world is different from many professions because stylists tend to rent booth space at salons. This model works for more experienced cosmetologists, but can be an obstacle for new stylists, like Samantha.

Samantha's employment consultant, Curt, helped her connect with salon owners in the Broad Ripple and downtown, build a resume that highlights her experience and skills, and navigate the IndyGo bus system that she uses to get to and from work. After meeting with several different salon owners, Samantha's life changed when she met Rafael, the owner and operator of R&R Barber and Beauty Shop in Circle Center Mall. Rafael loved Samantha's portfolio of haircuts and, after she demonstrated her abilities in-person, hired her.

Now, Samantha works with walk-ins, many of which come from the connected convention center and hotels, and takes appointments for a variety of different hair treatments. Best of all, she is continuing her dream of making people feel happy and beautiful!

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Above and right: Samantha cuts Curt's daughter's hair. She said it was "the best haircut I ever had!"

