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To: San Diego & Imperial Counties Consortium and the COE

Hello,

My name is Devin Tran, and I recently completed the cosmetology and barber conversion courses at San Diego City College and obtained both my cosmetology and barber license from the California Board of Barbering & Cosmetology.

As a recent graduate, I am thankful that I chose to attend San Diego City College for several reasons and they are as follows:

- 1.The program provided structure to my life with a Monday – Friday schedule.
2. Instructors were interested in my goals.
3. Low in cost compared to the other private schools and I have no debt.
4. My instructor recommended me for the job that I am currently at.

My family was ready to pay my tuition at a private downtown beauty school when another family member suggested that I attend City College. Here I am, a year and one summer later, and I have a job as a “Barber-Stylist” at a salon in Hillcrest. I’m making decent money so far however because I’m new, the salon owner Mario has been really helping with building my clientele, I get all the walk-ins which is helping to establish my base. I work with several independent contractors in the shop; they are busy, and they get to set up their own pricing. Haircuts start around \$35.00, not including tips. I expect to make more as I get better but for now, I'm doing pretty well!

Not everyone wants to be a nurse or be involved in cybersecurity, but I would like others to have the opportunity to attend a great program. If you approve this program, I believe your decision will be impactful to those interested in a job as a full-time barber and provide the opportunity to turn this skill into entrepreneurship.

Thank you,

Devin Tran, City College Cosmetology Alum

Cosmetologist & Barber