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**THE COSMETOLOGY ACADEMY AT DEC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE
DARE TO EXPRESS HAIRCUTTING AND NAIL ART COMPETITIONS**

MONESSEN, PA, MAY 4, 2011 – The Cosmetology Academy at Douglas Education Center (DEC) held its 1st annual Dare To Express Nail Art and Haircutting Competitions on Wednesday, April 27 at the Monessen-based schools’ Van Keulen Complex. Both competitions were open to all students of Career and Technology Center schools and high schools. No licensed professional cosmetologists were eligible to enter.

Twenty teams, composed of 40 students from around the region, participated in the Dare To Express Nail Art Competition. The Dare To Express Haircutting Competition was comprised of eleven competitors. Both competitions were judged on originality, use of color, and final presentation, as well as specific requirements for each.

Winners of both competitions were announced at the end of the night and received prizes including: trophy for first place, medal for second place and medal for third place in each category.

Judges for the competitions were all industry professionals. “We are thrilled with the outcome,” said Karen Nelson, Director of Cosmetology at The Cosmetology Academy. “The number of entrants and the quality of their work far exceeded our expectations.”

Both competitions had many exciting and artistic entries resulting in a lot of creative expressions. The 2011 Dare To Express Nail Art and Haircutting Competition winners were as follows:

Dare To Express Nail Art Competition: 1st Monika Foglia and Breania Tyree (Model) of Mon Valley Career & Technology Center; 2nd Coralene (Jett) Hinds and Catherine Peterman (Model) of Butler County Area-Vocational Technical School; 3rd Brittany Allen and Kylie Beaver (Model) of Mon Valley Career & Technology Center.

Dare To Express Haircutting Competition: 1st Tess Jurecko of A.W. Beattie Career Center, 2nd Suzie Hloznik of A.W. Beattie Career Center, 3rd Jenny Cogley of Butler County Area-Vocational Technical School.

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ABOUT DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER

Established in 1904, Douglas Education Center (DEC) is the premier creative career institution located in Monessen, PA. DEC creates an educational atmosphere that not only fosters the highest standards of excellence in all students, but also helps these students develop an awareness of social responsibility and ethical behavior. DEC offers programs in special make-up effects, digital film, illustration, fantasy art, graphic design and web, cosmetology, medical and business. DEC instructors are industry professionals who have actual working knowledge and experience in the programs in which they teach.

THE COSMETOLOGY ACADEMY

The Cosmetology Academy utilizes the #1 provider for cosmetology learning solutions, Milady. Students train in an upscale salon environment and also benefit from an in-house clinic. The clinic is open to students, staff, and the public and allows the students to put their education to practical use. Cosmetology programs include: Master Cosmetology Program, General Cosmetology Program, Cosmetology Teacher Program, Esthetician Program and Esthetics and Nail Technology.