

Douglas Education Center Graduate, A True Entrepreneur

Natascha Hribal always dreamed of opening her own salon, and she always knew she would. After attaining her degree in accounting from California University, Hribal went on to enroll at the Cosmetology Academy at Douglas Education Center (DEC) in the Esthetician Program. The one semester program, which focuses on skin care, facials, skin analysis and more, along with her accounting degree, gave her an interesting mix of business and beauty, and before she knew it she was Belle Vernon's latest entrepreneur.

Hribal and her mother, Tami Hribal-Wiland found a space for their future salon while Hribal was still in school, and began remodeling and decorating. Hribal-Wiland is a licensed cosmetologist and together with her daughter's esthetician license, they are able to combine their skills in the salon.

Hribal graduated in May of this year, and just a month later "Tashmi Salon and Spa" celebrated its grand opening. The name Tashmi stems from a blend of Natascha and Tami.

"We are really starting to pick up business," said Hribal. "My instructors at DEC definitely prepared me with the skills and knowledge for success."

When stepping through the doors of Tashmi, clients encounter dramatic color themes and designs, soft lighting and music, and comfortable workspaces.

"At Tashmi, we treat our clients as we would want to be treated," said Hribal. "There's no rush, no worries, just a relaxing spa environment that's truly one with nature."

Tashmi is a full-service salon offering hair cuts for men, women and children, up-dos, color, highlights/lowlights, corrective color, glosses, treatments, waxing, eye lash extensions, manicures, pedicures, foot detoxification, facials, a Chakra Balancing Massage, and Organic Airbrush Tanning.

"As we expand and grow, I hope to hire more DEC graduates," said Hribal. "Constance Sibert, a friend and fellow cosmetology academy graduate, already helps out when we get busy."

Salon hours are Tuesday 11-7, Wednesday 8-4, Thursday 11-7, Friday 8-4, and Saturday 9-2. Tashmi is located at 853 Finley Road in Belle Vernon, 724-929-9SPA (9772). Walk-ins are welcome.

During the months of September and October, Tashmi is offering a buy one MicroDerm Facial, get one **FREE** (a \$75 value).

DEC would like to congratulate Natascha on her successful business endeavor, her recent engagement, and for being such a great role model for current students.

