Bella Capelli Academy

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

MONROEVILLE CAMPUS

FRANCHISE OWNER- PAULA DESABATO

REGIONAL DIRECTOR- GINA GARONE

DIRECTOR- NIKKI SHARPE

SUPERVISOR- NICOLE KARPUSZKA

EDUCATION LEADER- NICOLE KARPUSZKA

REGIONAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR- ALYCIA CLARK

REGIONAL MARKETING LEADER- MONICA KUSKIE

ADVISOR- TAYLA ROUSE

ENROLLMENT LEADER- ELISHA TRAINER

FACULTY

Nicole Karpuszka: Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license CT178536
Nicole Karpuszka is a very dedicated Learning Leader who's main passion is cutting and coloring. Nicole owned her own salon, but her true passion is guiding Future Professionals to reach their goals within the industry. Nicole is the Learning Leader for Distance Education.

Kylee Schellman: Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license CT178260
Nicole is a wonderful Learning Leader who has years of salon experience that she is able to share with the Future Professional.

Taylor Knauff: Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher CT178839
Taylor is dedicated Learning Leader who has many years of salon experience that she relates back to her classes. Taylor continues to build her salon experiance while also continuing to educate the Future Professionals.

Gabbie Gutierrez: Learning Leader - Part Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher CT178751
Gabbie is dedicated Learning Leader whose passion is makeup. Gabbie also has many years of salon experience to share with the Future Professional.

Darchini Simien: Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher CT179267
Darchini is an amazing Learning Leader who has many years experience owning her own salon. Darchini is very passionate about helping to grow the beauty industry and sharing her knowledge with Future Professionals.

SUBSTITUTE

Desiree Powell
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license CT178464
Desiree's love of the beauty industry brought her to education and leadership. Desiree is certified in all specialties and bring a wealth of knowledge for hair and makeup. Desiree is a natural leader and leads the team with passion and strength.

The school enrolls student instructors, the student instructors provide supervised training and instruction to students enrolled in the cosmetology program.

ROBINSON CAMPUS

FRANCHISE OWNER- PAULA DESABATO

REGIONAL DIRECTOR- GINA GARONE

DIRECTOR- KAITLYN LANHAM

SUPERVISOR- KAITLYN LANHAM

EDUCATION LEADER- DESIREE POWELL

REGIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LEADER - ALYCIA CLARK

REGIONAL MARKETING AND PLACEMENT LEADER- MONICA KUSKIE

ACADEMIC ADVISOR- SARAH SORACE

ADMISSIONS LEADER- SIERRA TROMBETTI

FACULTY

Austin Kimenski- Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher CT178709
Austin Kimenski is a Learning Leader with a genuine passion for seeing others succeed. Day to day, he acts as a mentor and coach for Future Professionals, helping them stay accountable, grow their technical capabilities, and build confidence in their craft. Austin's hard work and commitment to continuous learning make him a key driver of growth across the team.

Ashley Maule - Learning Leader- Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license CT178616
Ashley Maule's journey in cosmetology started early and hasn't slowed down since. A graduate of the Parkway West Career & Technology Center, Ashley completed both the Cosmetology and Cosmetology Instructor programs—and passed both State Board exams—all before finishing high school. Now a Learning Leader, she's passionate about mentoring the next generation of beauty professionals, sharing her first-hand industry knowledge to help new talent thrive.

Katlyn Kinnunen -Learning Leader - Full
Time Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license CT179255
Katy Kinnunen is a Learning Leader whose deep connection to beauty education comes full circle. An alumna of Bella Capelli, where she completed both the Cosmetology and Cosmetology Teacher programs, Katy developed an early and lasting devotion to the school's core mission. After spending years behind the chair refining her craft and gaining invaluable industry experience, she returned to Bella Capelli to share her expertise, mentor rising talent, and inspire the next generation of stylists.

Tonia McCarthy -Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license-CT177594
Tonia McCarthy is a Learning Leader with a profound commitment to continuous growth in the beauty community. Backed by years of industry experience and a wealth of educational insight, Tonia offers unmatched mentorship to Future Professionals. Her dedication to giving back shines through in her teaching, creating an environment where emerging talent can gain confidence, hone their skills, and thrive. 2 BELLA CAPELLI ACADEMY A PAUL MITCHELL PARTNER SCHOOL CATALOG

Reilly Collins-Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license-CT179460
Reilly Collins's journey as a Learning Leader is rooted in a genuine love for our school community. Having completed both her Cosmetology and Teacher training here, Reilly built a successful career behind the chair, mastering her technical skills in a live salon environment. Driven by a desire to give back, she returned to her roots to pass on her real-world knowledge, fostering confidence and creativity in future beauty industry leaders.

CJ Persinger-Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license-CT177834
Charles "CJ" Persinger is a Learning Leader with a genuine passion for teaching and helping others succeed. Known for a supportive and structured coaching style, CJ creates an environment where Future Professionals feel motivated to step out of their comfort zones and grow their craft. CJ's commitment to mentorship makes him a vital part of helping our students turn their creative passion into a rewarding career.

Natalie Kloska-Learning Leader - Full Time
Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license-CT177746
Natalie Kloska serves as a Learning Leader, bringing enthusiasm, technical expertise, and strong mentorship to our Future Professionals. Grounded in a commitment to excellence and creative growth, Natalie plays an active role in guiding students throughout their educational journey. Her supportive leadership style helps students build strong foundational skills, gain confidence behind the chair, and prepare for thriving careers in the beauty industry.

Kaitlyn Lanham-Distance Education Learning Leader and School Director
Full Time Registered Cosmetologist/Cosmetology Teacher license-CT176653
Kaitlyn Lanham serves as School Director, bringing over 25 years of industry experience and more than two decades of educational leadership to the institution. Her career is rooted in a deep appreciation for the craft and a strong vision for elevating future talent. Believing that true leadership means staying connected to the foundation of the industry, Kaitlyn balances her directorial role with active classroom instruction—giving back to the next generation through direct mentorship. Her quarter-century of hands-on expertise and enduring passion for education fuel a vibrant, growth-focused culture, ensuring the school maintains the highest standards of technical excellence and student success

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