

# Cosmetology

Selected Student: Tracie Murrillo

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I am writing to recommend Tracie Murrillo as an outstanding student for the Esthetics Department of the Cosmetology Academy.

Tracie is exemplary in not only her steady determination, but in modeling a willingness to help others succeed as well. Academia is not something that comes naturally for her, so Tracie worked hard studying not only during our 40 hour-a-week program, but in enlisting her family to help her come up with study habits and memory aids to help her do well on her exams. And it showed. But it's her personal qualities and growth that lead me to recommend Tracie for her outstanding improvement and nature. Before joining the Esthetics 600 hour Program. Tracie once described how she was at a point in her life where she was struggling to find something to give her more purpose in life. Compounding circumstances had veiled much of the light in her everyday. Tracie joined the Esthetics program hoping that she could better herself so that she might have a chance at someday helping to better others, too. Immediately after class began, I noticed Tracie outworking everyone in the class. She identified needs within the class or lab, and had a way of enlisting others in the class to jump in and help out, too. She fostered a class cohesiveness unlike anything I have ever experienced before at our school. She brought joy into our lab and was inclusive of everyone in our class, consistently inviting others to partner with her along the way. Now Tracie has a new spring to her step, confident that she has the ability to do something good not just for herself, but for others. She is actively planning to open a spa here in Santa Barbara where she can bring people in, listen to their needs, and continue to help the community any way she can. In a time where so many are struggling with fear and uncertainty, isn't it time that we highlight someone for whom success is not something that comes easily, but is worked hard for everyday, with the intention to joyfully reach out and help others grow, too?