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HAIRSTYLISTS AS PROFESSIONALS

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Most people go to a hairstylist to get their hair cut, colored, permed, or styled. Most people also have a good relationship with their hairstylist. However, not too many people think of hairstylists as professionals, and even less understand the hard work and perseverance behind hairstylists. This is a photo essay on hairstylists. I have been lucky to spend a little time with a great group of professional hairstylists who have shared not only the “tricks of the trade,” but also their feelings and stories. One of the biggest rumors that people believe about hairstylists, is that the profession is a “cop out” to college or further schooling. This is far beyond false, hairstylists may only be required to take one year of schooling before they are pushed out into the world, but the education continues as new products, techniques, and styles come out. In fact, continuing education is now a requirement for all hairstylists. There is so much more to learn and know about hairstylists and hopefully you will take from this poster knowledge about hairstylists, and help to break the stereotypes of “hair dresser.”