



## Samantha Finkel

Samantha Finkel is a twenty eight year old hairstylist at Splashes Beautique in Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. She has been in the salon business for nine years. Samantha was raised in Middletown, New Jersey and a graduate from Monmouth County Vocational School. She started her career working in towns such as Middletown, Holmdel, Shrewsbury and currently lives in Little Egg Harbor.

A typical day in the salon for Samantha always varies, as she specializes in all aspects of hair ranging from men's haircuts to color services. She is also certified

in hair extensions, straightening systems and the newest Brazilian Blowouts. Samantha recently participated in a cancer benefit that donated all proceeds to a local mother of four.

When not working, Samantha enjoys spending time with her family, shopping, playing with her puppies and learning new techniques for work.

Since Samantha was a little girl, she always knew she had a passion for making people look and feel good.

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## LouAnn Buffa

LouAnn is originally from Newark NJ. While growing up in Brick, NJ She attended Richard's Beauty Academy Red Bank and received her full cosmetology license. LouAnn has enjoyed caring for clients hair needs for over 30 years. For 8 years now she has specialized in skincare and waxing at Simply Skin.

Along with her dedication to Simply Skin 4 days per week, you can find her at Macys Hair Salon one day a week due to the loyalty she has for her client's hair. Lou Ann concentrates on the importance of being healthy now that she also is a two time breast cancer survivor. She values sharing her experience and knowledge with other cancer survivors. Lou Ann loves to help people look and feel there best. She has volunteered for Look Good Feel Better which is a program is

offered by the American Cancer Society. This program guides women with skin-care, hair care and make up while they are in cancer treatment.

When there is a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Lou Ann is first on board. She has participated in many (hair) cut-a-thons over the years and now offers her talent of facials for Simply Skin's annual fundraiser supporting the Avon Breast Cancer walk, NYC. Lou Ann has also walked in this 39 mile walk, proud of her pink survivor t-shirt.

LouAnn has a great sense of sense of humor, and loves to laugh and make other people laugh too!

Lou Ann currently resides in Toms River enjoying her home and her cats.



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## Laura Cole

Laura began working in the salon when she was just 14 years old shampooing clients. Because of her work ethic, the store owner started using her every weekend to supplement his regular shampoo assistant. One year later her mother opened her first salon where she continued to work after school. She enjoyed it so much that she enrolled in beauty school prior to graduating High School.

In 1979 Laura embarked on her chosen career and expanded her talents to include the "Nail Craze." She learned acrylic and gel nail applications, pedicures and air-brushing. In 1989 Laura and her mother Gerry moved the salon and Laura advanced her talents to include Hair Extension's, Japanese Straightening and the Keratin smoothing treatment.

In order to maintain her proficiency in the beauty industry, Laura attends educational seminars. This allows her to return with the latest styles and techniques for her clientele.

While attending the American Hair Loss Council's conference Laura joined the Hair Academy to specialize in all aspects of hair replacement and hair loss.

In addition to her fulfilling career, Laura has a wonderful husband and two beautiful children. She enjoys gardening and spending time with her family.



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## Claudine Hood, CMRS

Claudine has been a New Jersey resident all her life; born and raised in Ocean County. She is a graduate of Lacey Township High School Class of '92. She then attended Ocean County College and graduated with an Associate degree in Science. She has been in the medical industry for the past 10 years. She went back to OCC to continue her education where she received her CMRS (Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist) certification. **Toms River X-ray, CT & MRI Center** offered her an opportunity in the field of radiology where she currently enjoys her position as a medical biller.

Claudine and her husband Doug have been married for 3 years and are

expecting their first child in January.

They are also looking forward to becoming first time home buyers. She loves the beach and traveling. Her mother is from France which gave Claudine the opportunity to embrace other cultures in Europe, especially French cooking. One of her favorite things to do is cook for her family and friends. When not working, she stays busy helping her friend create floral arrangement for weddings and special occasions. She is a big sports fanatic. Claudine loves watching the Mets, Jets and NASCAR.



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